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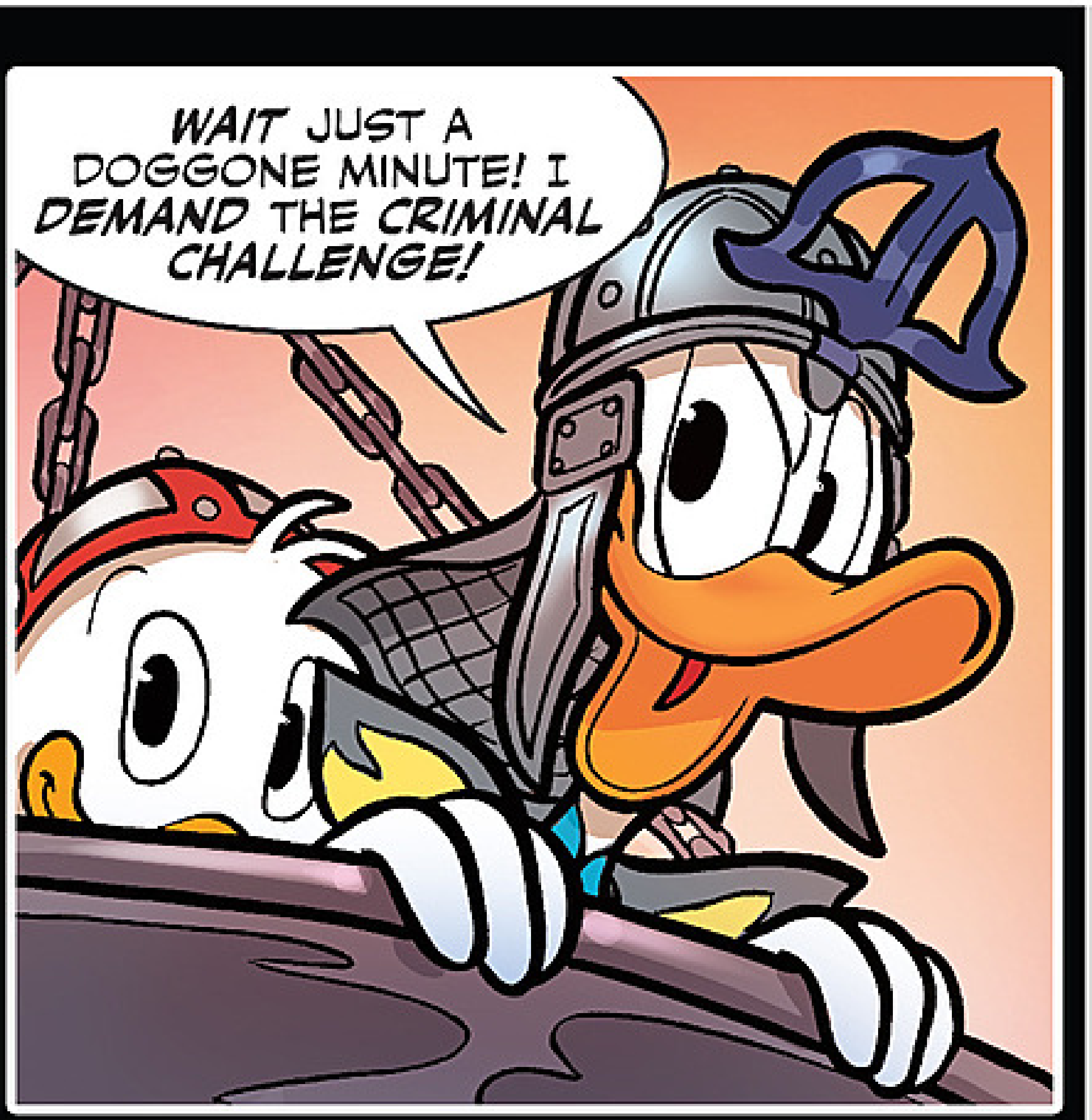
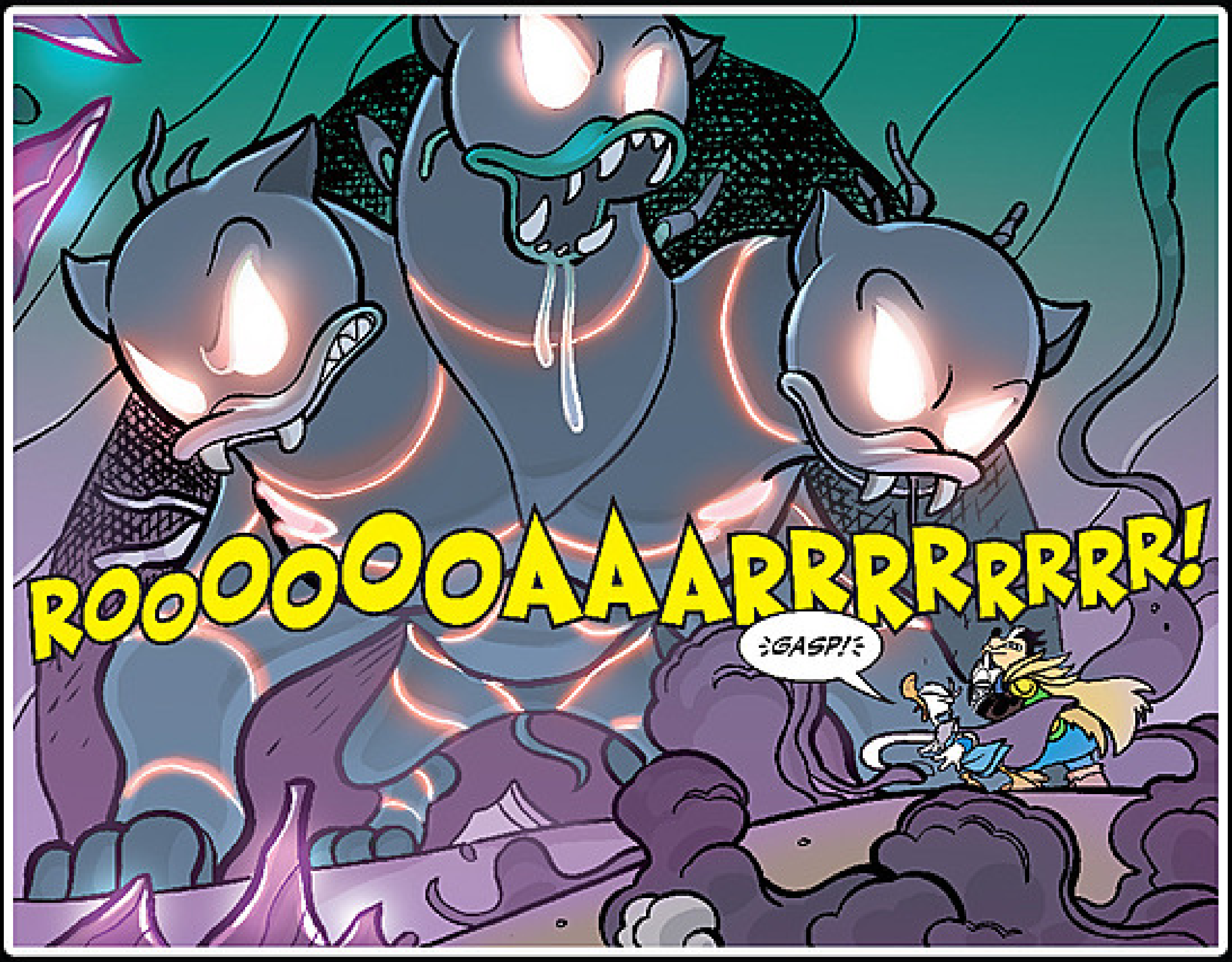

WAIT JUST A DOGGONE MINUTE! I DEMAND THE CRIMINAL CHALLENGE!


ROOOOOOAAARRRRRRR!
GASP!

LAST ISSUE:

The **mini-galaxy** of **Feudarnia**—an alternate-reality home for our Duckburg and Mouseton stars—is living year three of a ruthless siege! It's a constant attack by the **Meteormaster** and his **Meteorbeasts**—giant animals made of enchanted stone called **Dragonite**. The only hope of beating these monsters is the **Beastbusters** and their **Busterbots**: feisty local bounty hunters and the flying robot boats they have built for the purpose!

Is there a way to win this fight for good? Well… that's why ersatz Beastbuster **Donald Duck** was bringing the **Magneus Malleus**, a giant magic hammer, to Magicianeer Gyro Gearloose! But during a detour to fight a **Hawk Meteorbeast** in Quackburgh township, pernicious **Pegleg Pete** swiped the hammer for himself!

And evil Emil Eagle has some foul play in progress, too…

—David Gerstein, Archival Editor

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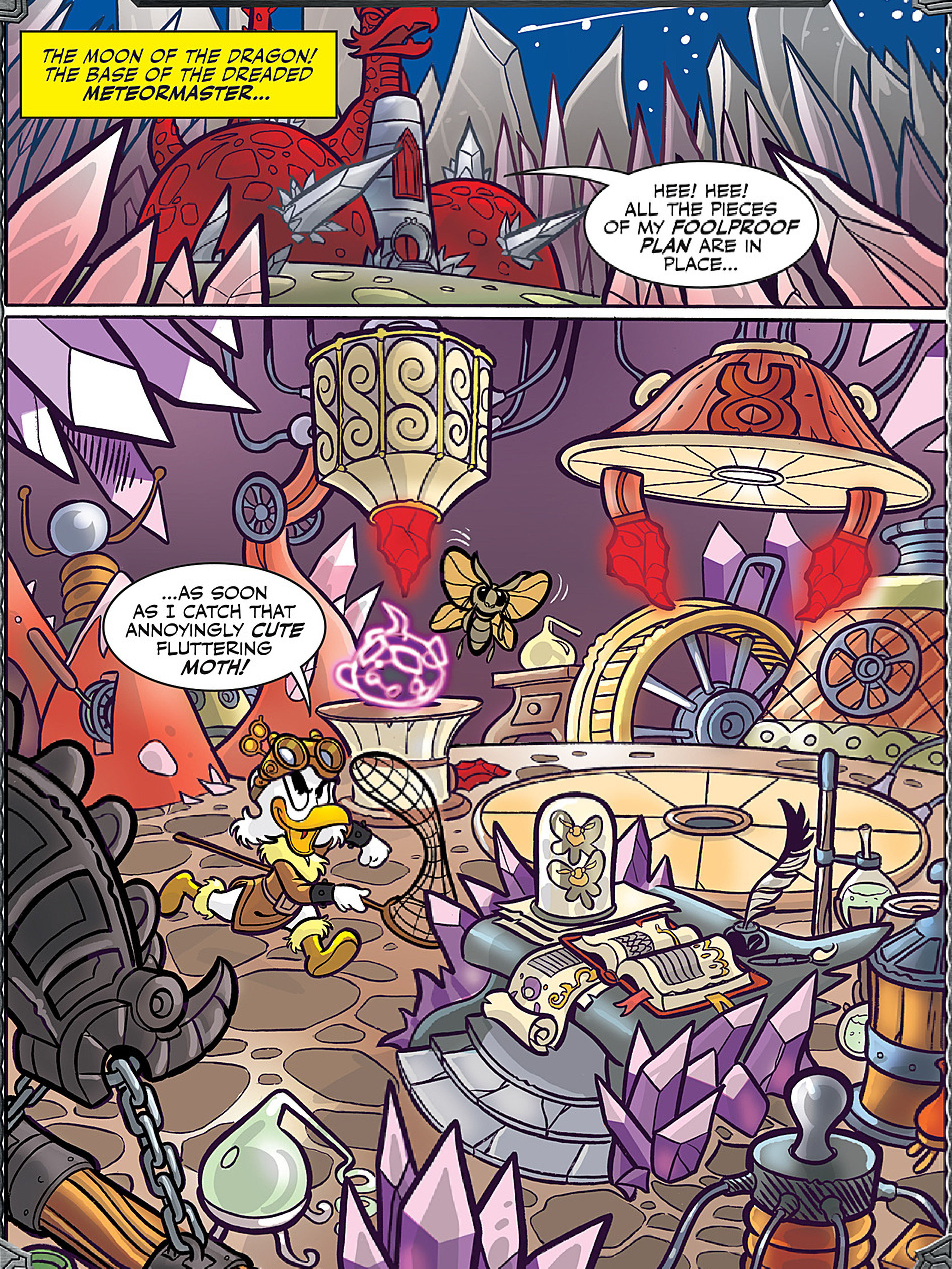
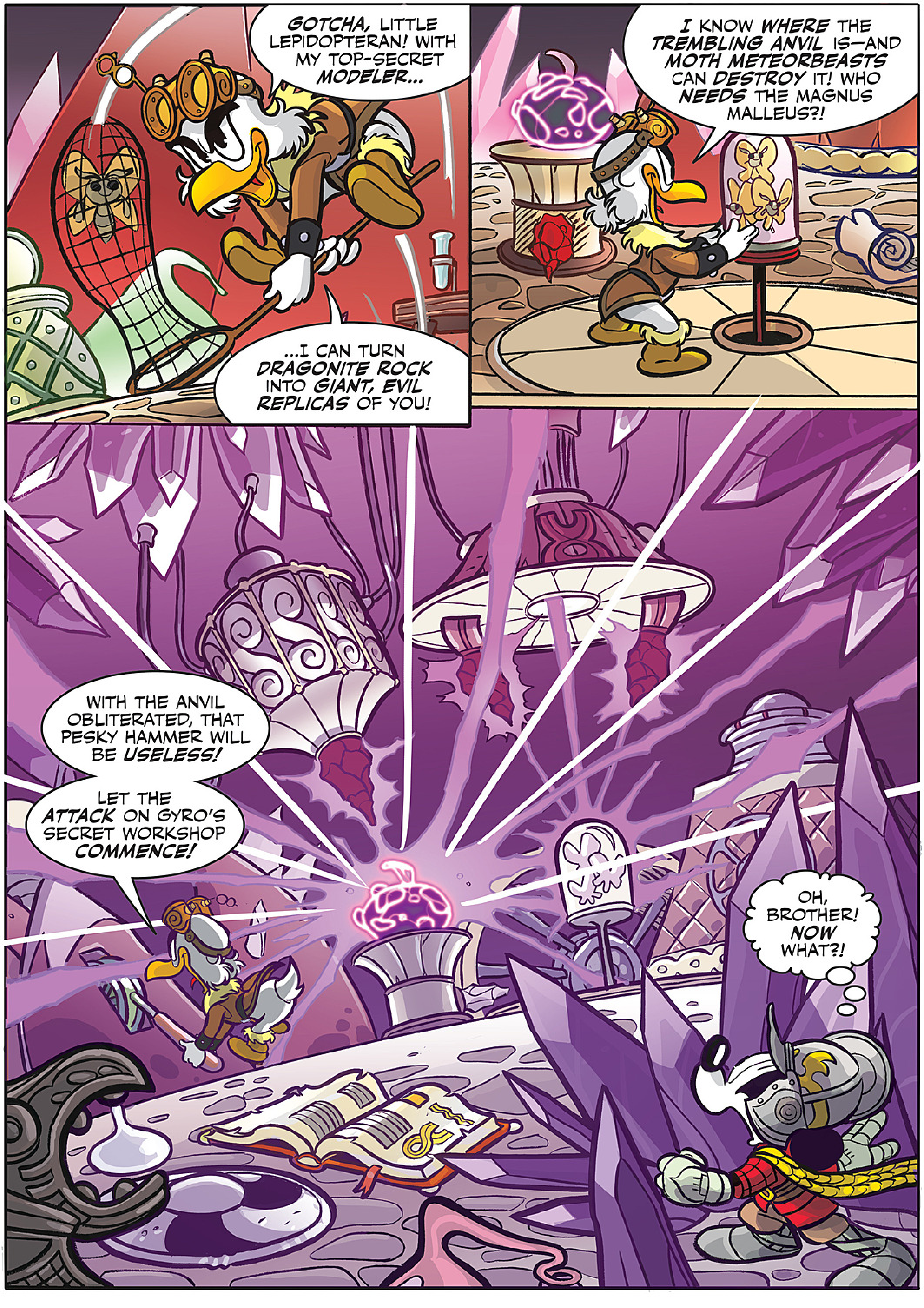
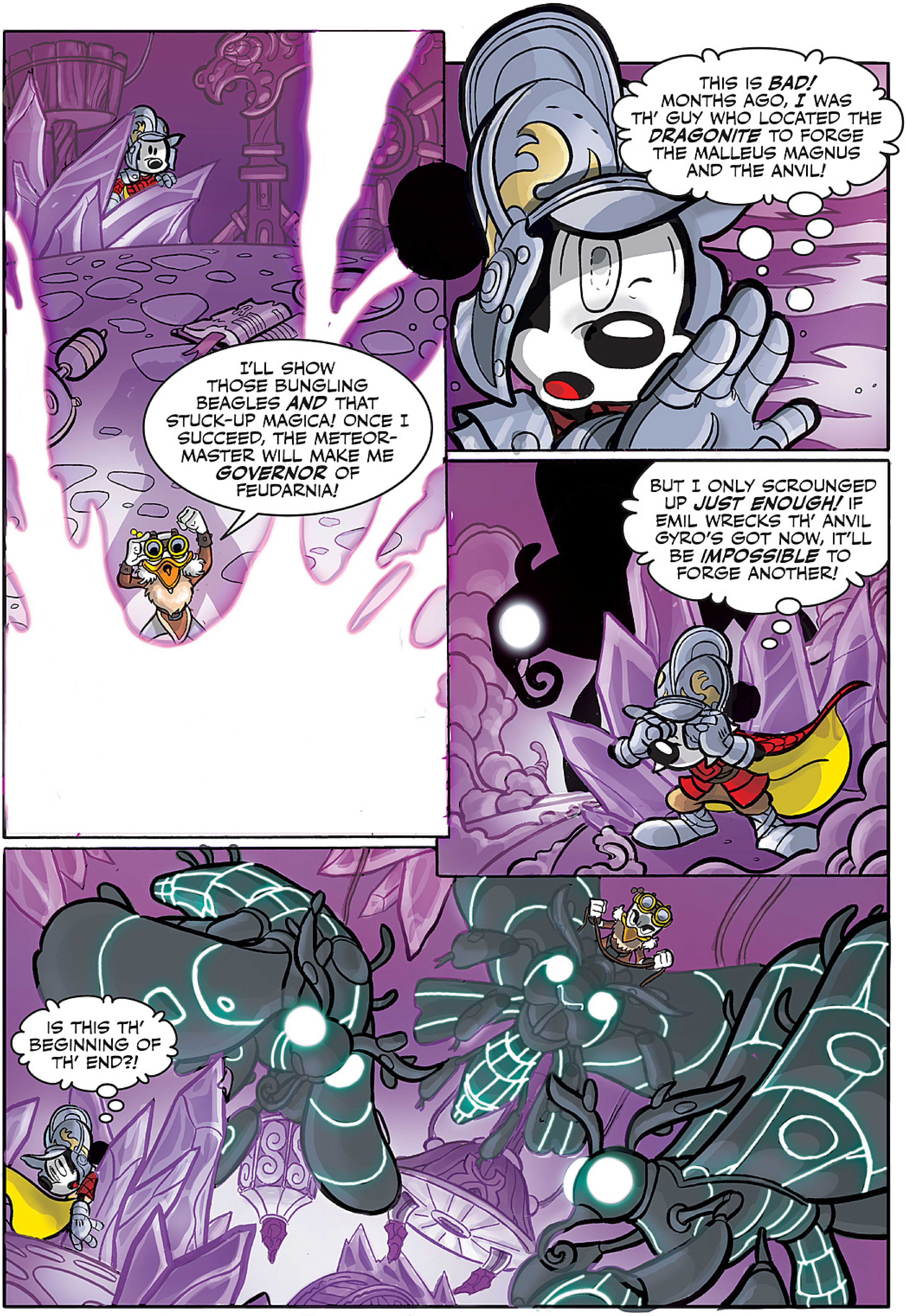
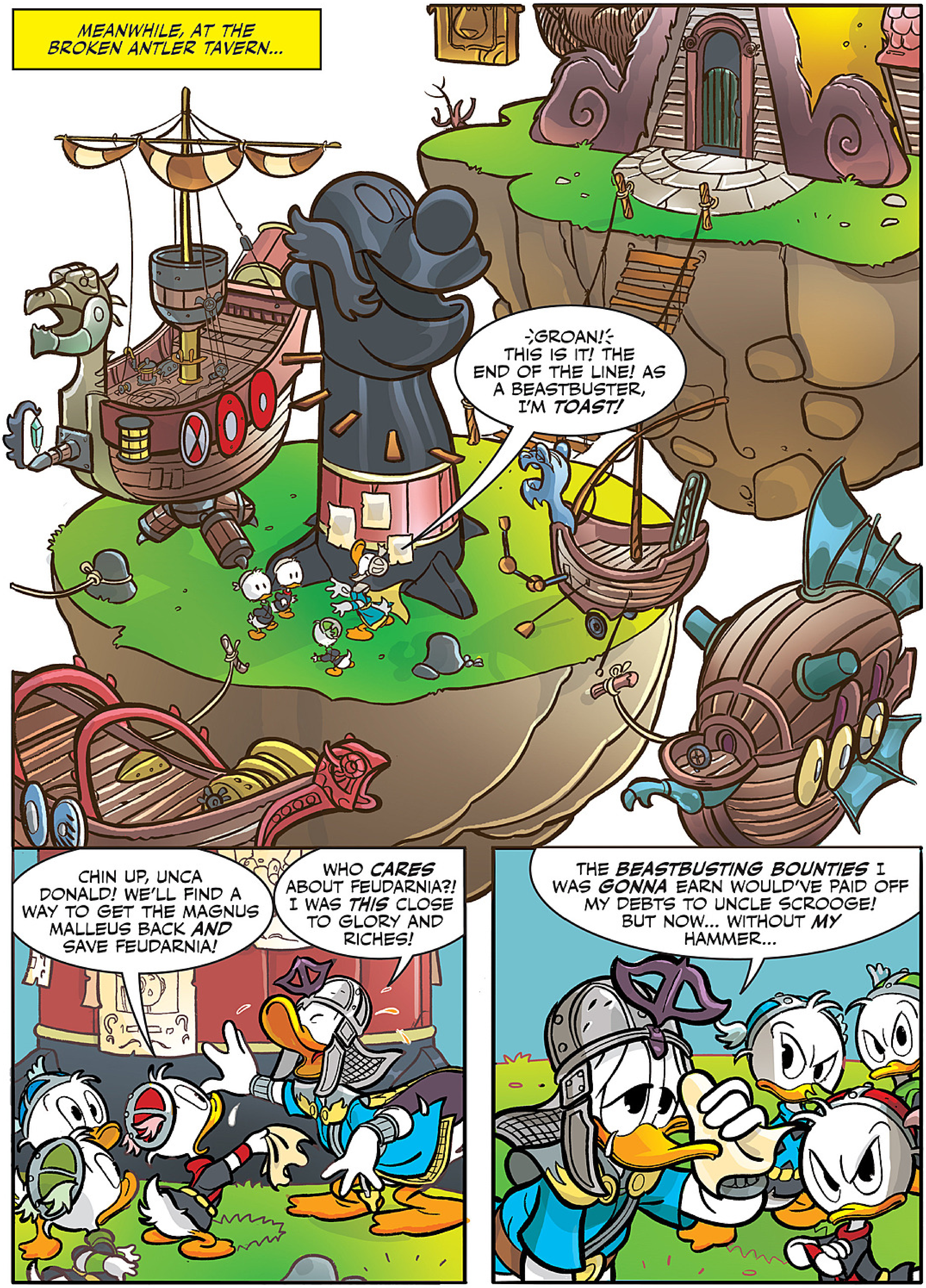
Chapter 1

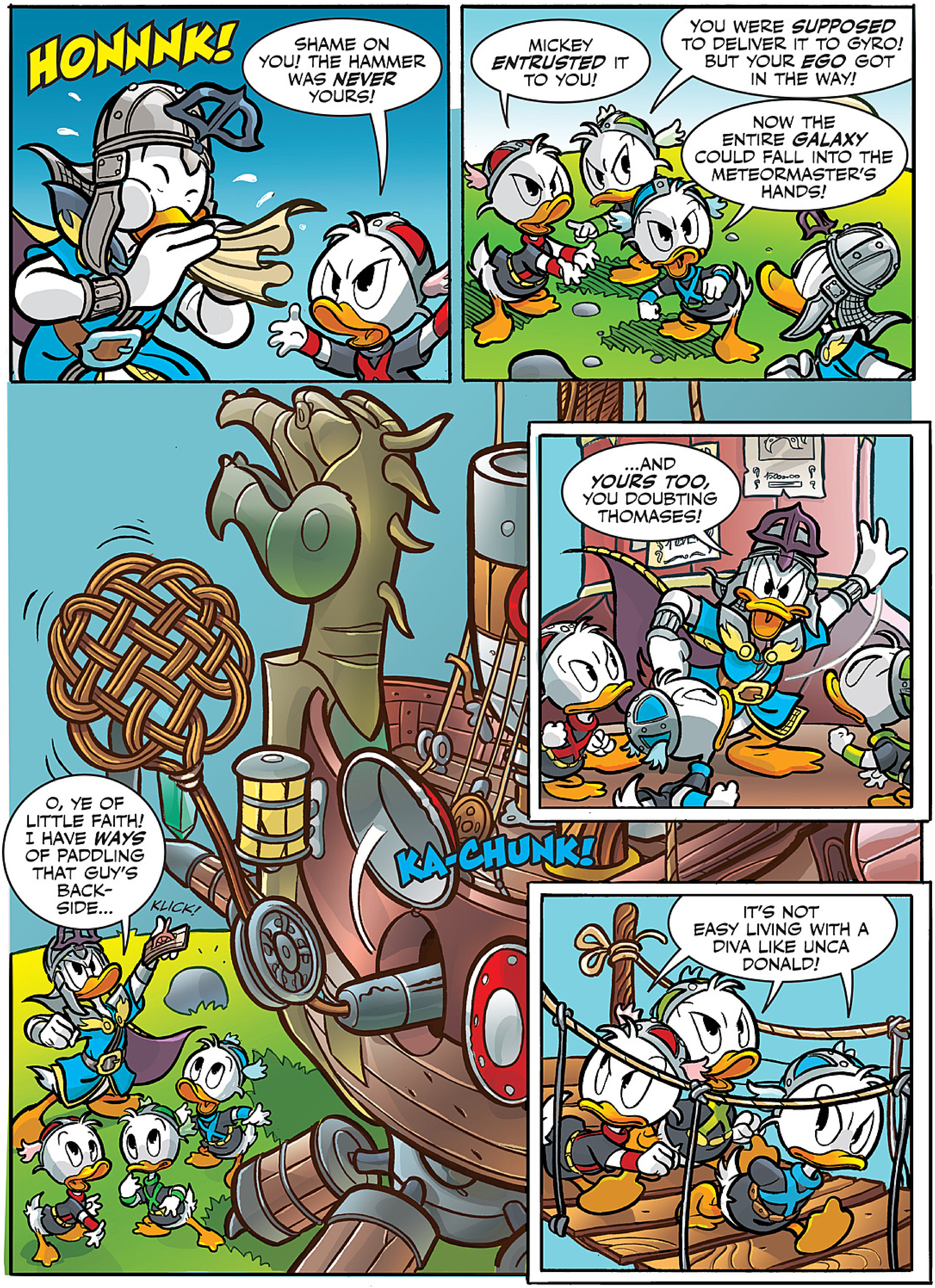
BETWEEN AN ANVIL AND A HARD PLACE

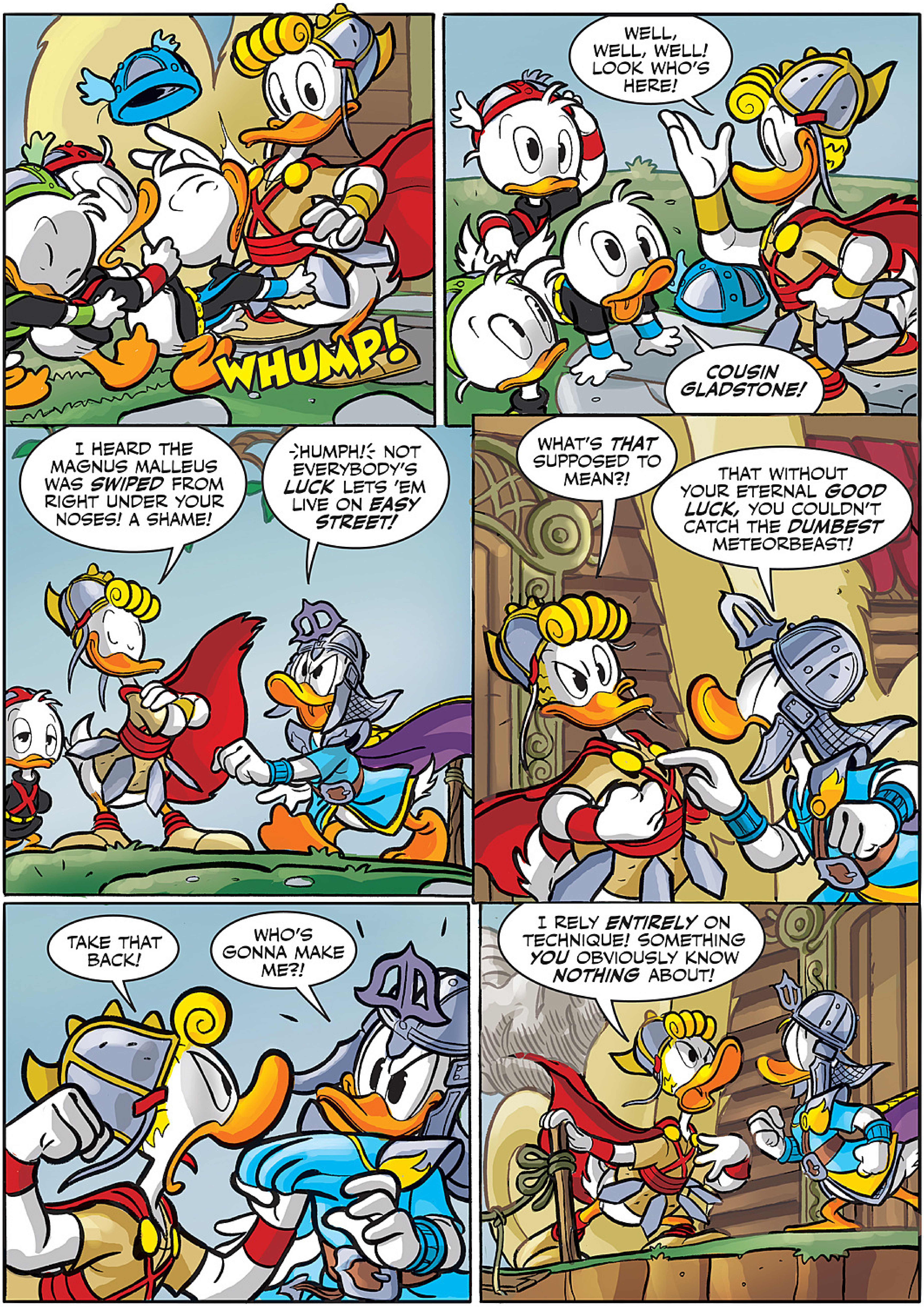

THE MOON OF THE DRAGON! THE BASE OF THE DREADED **METEORMASTER**...
HEE! HEE! ALL THE PIECES OF MY ***FOOLPROOF PLAN*** ARE IN PLACE...
...AS SOON AS I CATCH THAT ANNOYINGLY ***CUTE*** FLUTTERING ***MOTH!***

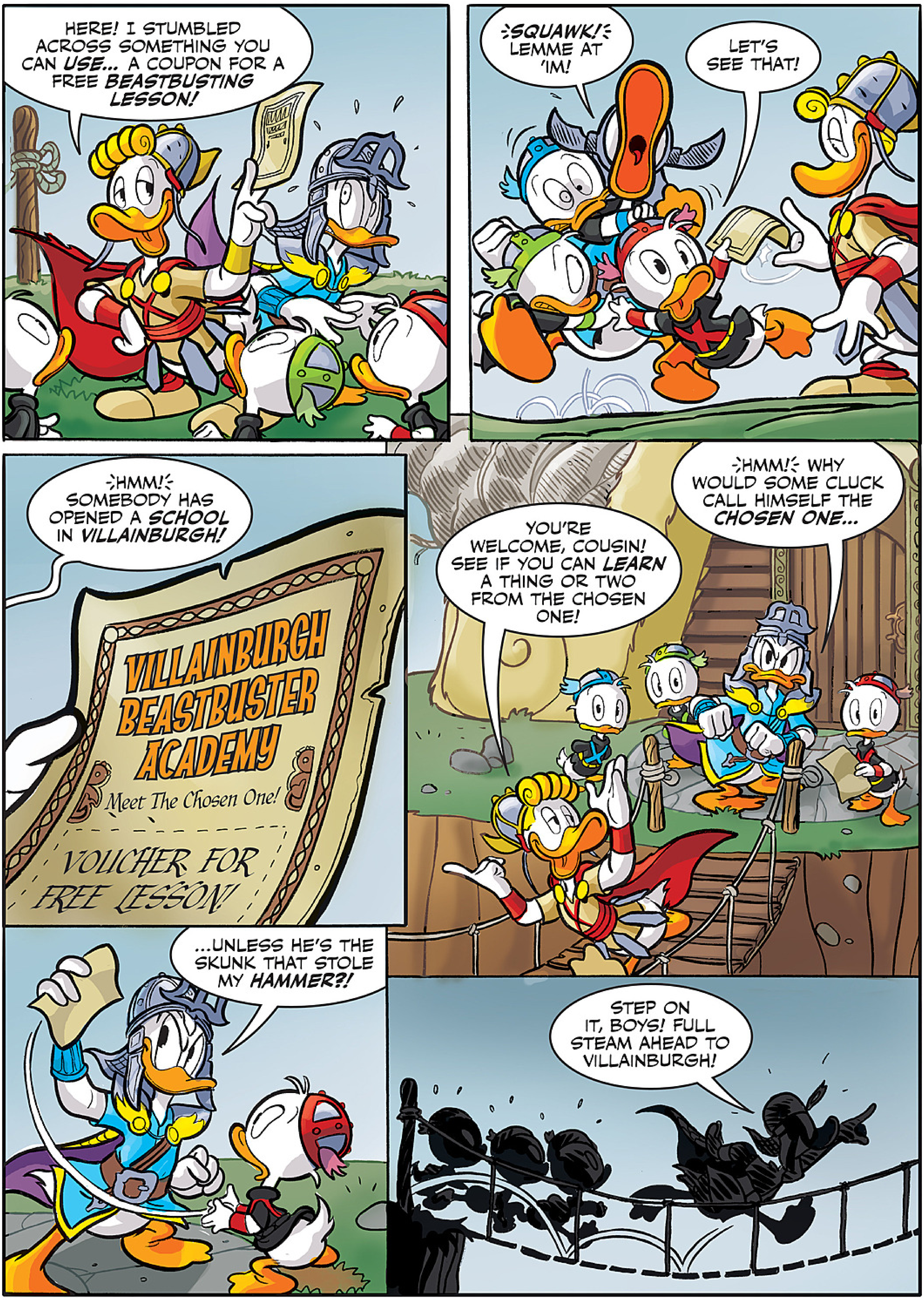

GOTCHA, LITTLE LEPIDOPTERAN! WITH MY TOP-SECRET MODELER...
...I CAN TURN DRAGONITE ROCK INTO GIANT, EVIL REPLICAS OF YOU!
I KNOW WHERE THE TREMBLING ANVIL IS—AND MOTH METEORBEASTS CAN DESTROY IT! WHO NEEDS THE MAGNUS MALLEUS?!
WITH THE ANVIL OBLITERATED, THAT PESKY HAMMER WILL BE USELESS!
LET THE ATTACK ON GYRO'S SECRET WORKSHOP COMMENCE!
OH, BROTHER! NOW WHAT?!

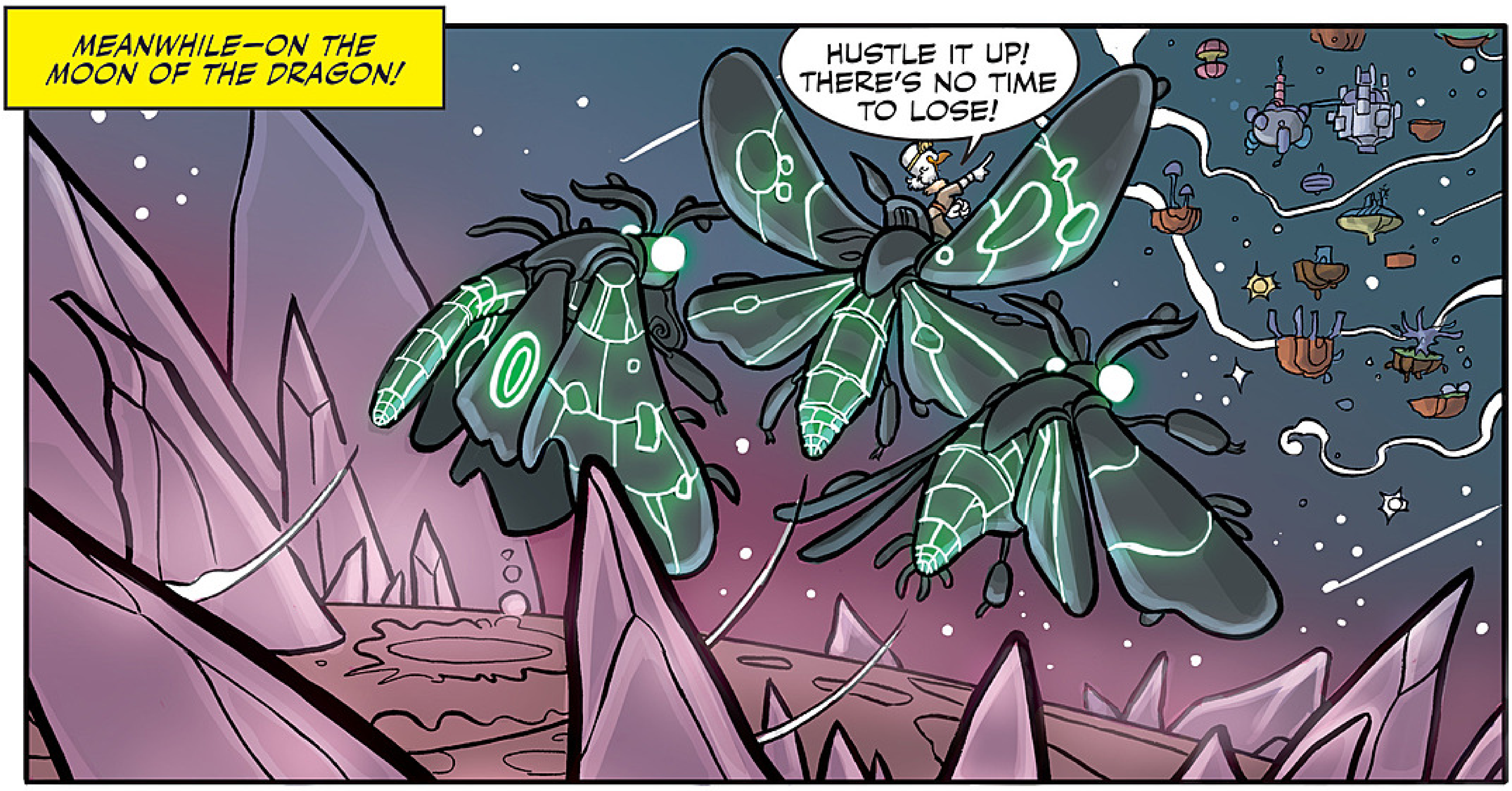

I'LL SHOW THOSE BUNGLING BEAGLES *AND* THAT STUCK-UP MAGICA! ONCE I SUCCEED, THE METEOR-MASTER WILL MAKE ME ***GOVERNOR*** OF FEUDARNIA!
THIS IS ***BAD!*** MONTHS AGO, ***I*** WAS TH' GUY WHO LOCATED THE ***DRAGONITE*** TO FORGE THE MALLEUS MAGNUS AND THE ANVIL!
BUT I ONLY SCROUNGED UP ***JUST ENOUGH!*** IF EMIL WRECKS TH' ANVIL GYRO'S GOT NOW, IT'LL BE ***IMPOSSIBLE*** TO FORGE ANOTHER!
IS THIS TH' BEGINNING OF TH' END?!


MEANWHILE, AT THE BROKEN ANTLER TAVERN...
GROAN! THIS IS IT! THE END OF THE LINE! AS A BEASTBUSTER, I'M *TOAST!*
CHIN UP, UNCA DONALD! WE'LL FIND A WAY TO GET THE MAGNUS MALLEUS BACK *AND* SAVE FEUDARNIA!
WHO *CARES* ABOUT FEUDARNIA?! I WAS *THIS* CLOSE TO GLORY AND RICHES!
THE *BEASTBUSTING BOUNTIES* I WAS *GONNA* EARN WOULD'VE PAID OFF MY DEBTS TO UNCLE SCROOGE! BUT NOW... WITHOUT *MY* HAMMER...


HONNNK!
SHAME ON YOU! THE HAMMER WAS *NEVER* YOURS!
MICKEY *ENTRUSTED* IT TO YOU!
YOU WERE *SUPPOSED* TO DELIVER IT TO GYRO! BUT YOUR *EGO* GOT IN THE WAY!
NOW THE ENTIRE *GALAXY* COULD FALL INTO THE METEORMASTER'S HANDS!
...AND *YOURS TOO,* YOU DOUBTING THOMASES!
O, YE OF LITTLE FAITH! I HAVE *WAYS* OF PADDLING THAT GUY'S BACKSIDE...
KLICK!
KA-CHUNK!
IT'S NOT EASY LIVING WITH A DIVA LIKE UNCA DONALD!


WHUMP!
WELL, WELL, WELL! LOOK WHO'S HERE!
COUSIN GLADSTONE!
I HEARD THE MAGNUS MALLEUS WAS *SWIPED* FROM RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSES! A SHAME!
-HUMPH!- NOT EVERYBODY'S *LUCK* LETS 'EM LIVE ON *EASY STREET!*
WHAT'S *THAT* SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
THAT WITHOUT YOUR ETERNAL *GOOD LUCK,* YOU COULDN'T CATCH THE *DUMBEST* METEORBEAST!
TAKE THAT BACK!
WHO'S GONNA MAKE ME?!
I RELY *ENTIRELY* ON TECHNIQUE! SOMETHING *YOU* OBVIOUSLY KNOW *NOTHING* ABOUT!


HERE! I STUMBLED ACROSS SOMETHING YOU CAN *USE...* A COUPON FOR A FREE *BEASTBUSTING LESSON!*
SQUAWK! LEMME AT 'IM!
LET'S SEE THAT!
HMM! SOMEBODY HAS OPENED A *SCHOOL* IN *VILLAINBURGH!*
VILLAINBURGH BEASTBUSTER ACADEMY
Meet The Chosen One!
VOUCHER FOR FREE LESSON!
YOU'RE WELCOME, COUSIN! SEE IF YOU CAN *LEARN* A THING OR TWO FROM THE CHOSEN ONE!
HMM! WHY WOULD SOME CLUCK CALL HIMSELF THE *CHOSEN ONE...*
...UNLESS HE'S THE SKUNK THAT STOLE MY *HAMMER?!*
STEP ON IT, BOYS! FULL STEAM AHEAD TO VILLAINBURGH!


MEANWHILE—ON THE MOON OF THE DRAGON!
HUSTLE IT UP! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!

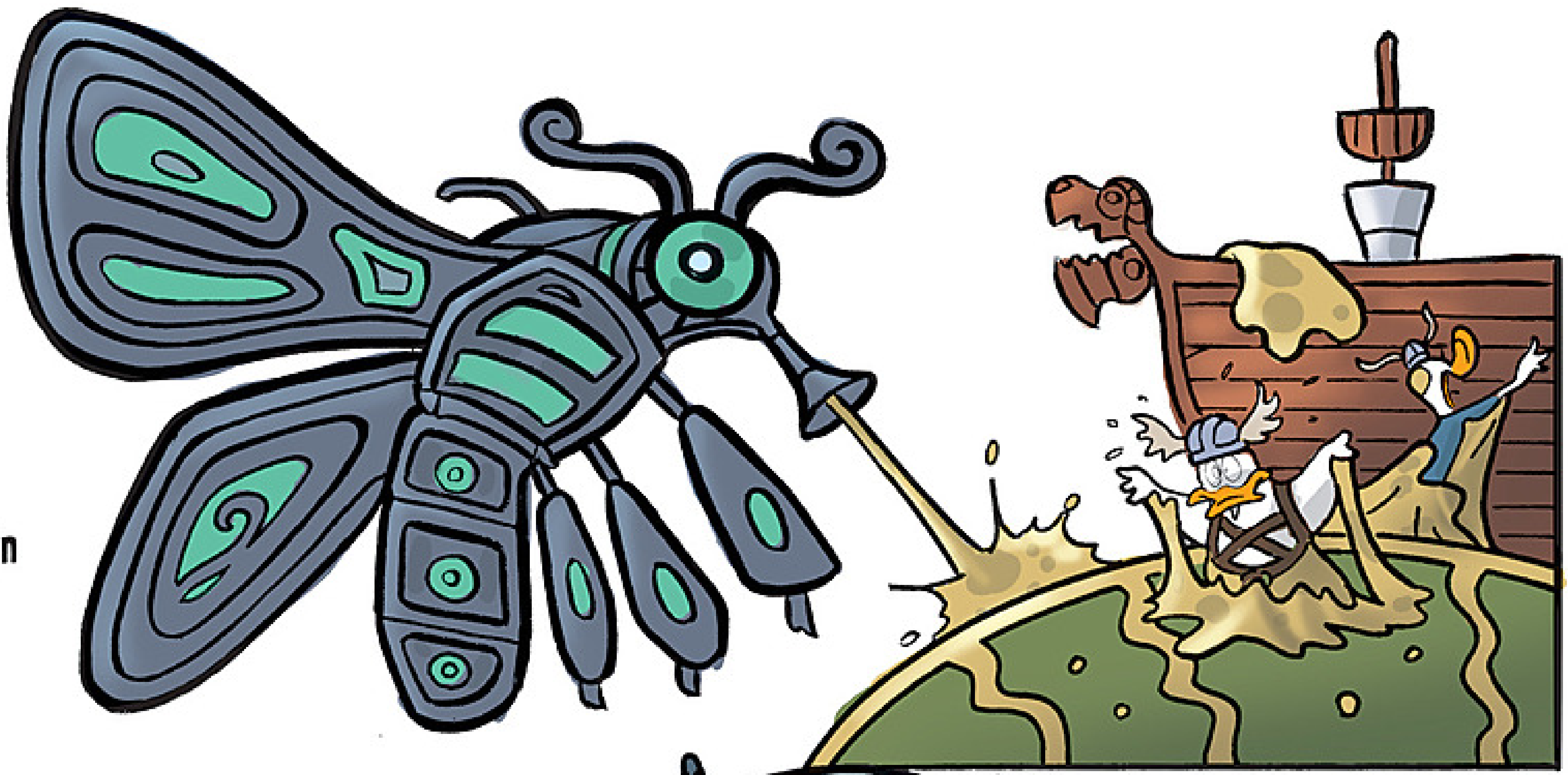
MOTH METEORBEAST

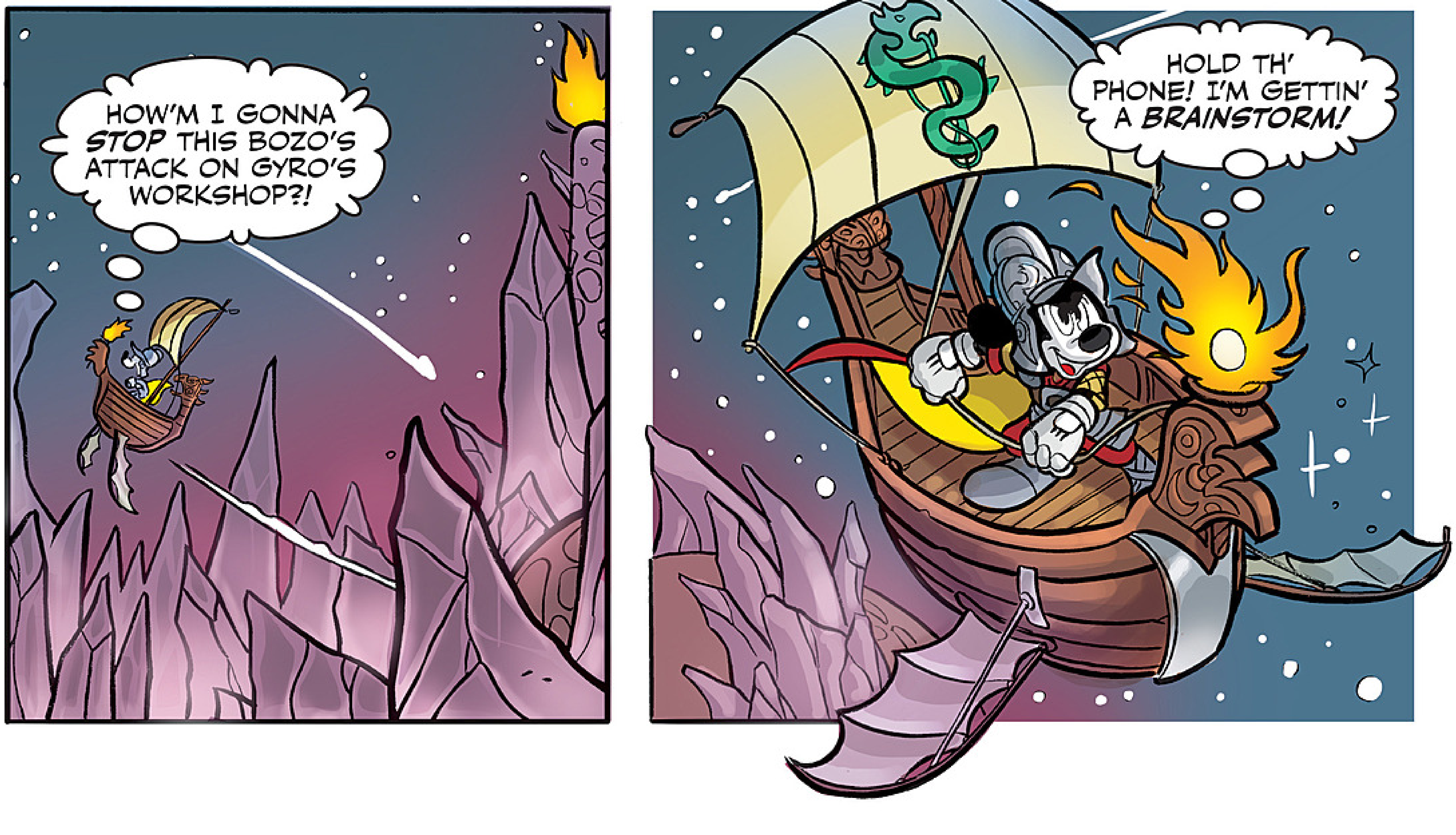
TYPE:
Terrean Meteorbeast

POWER:
Shoots granite missiles

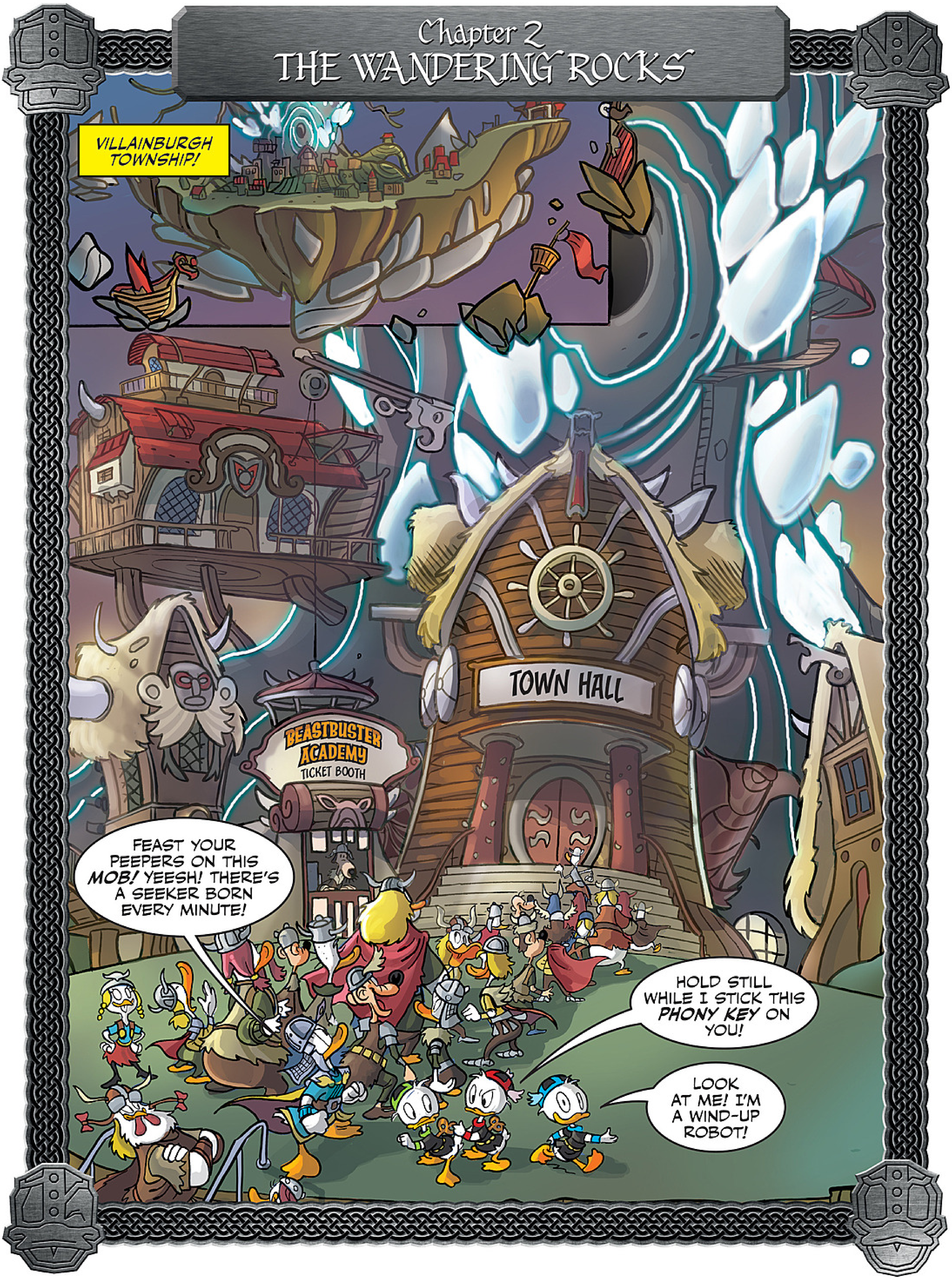
WEAKNESS:
Cracks around the joints in its rocky skin

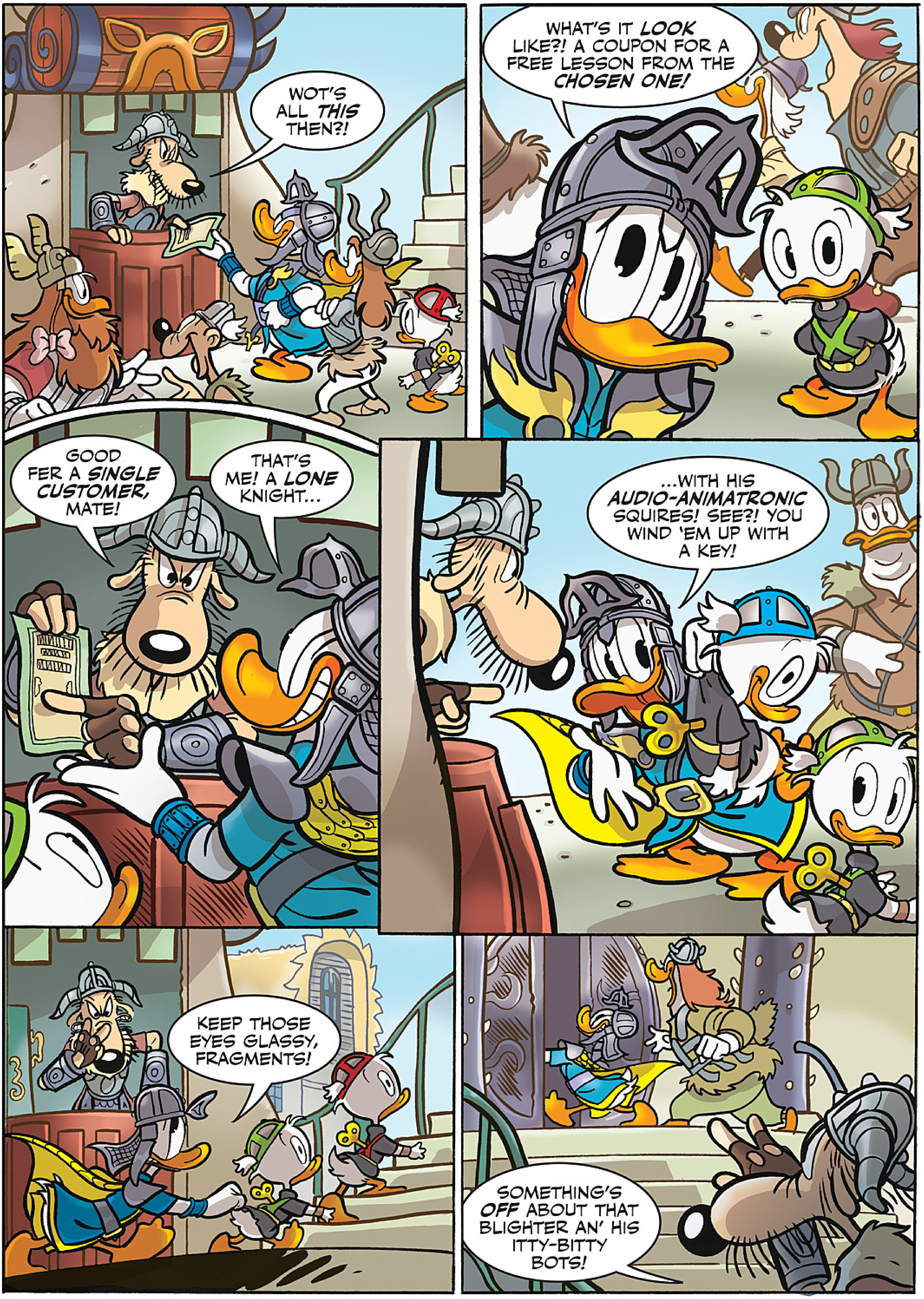
ENERGY: 35

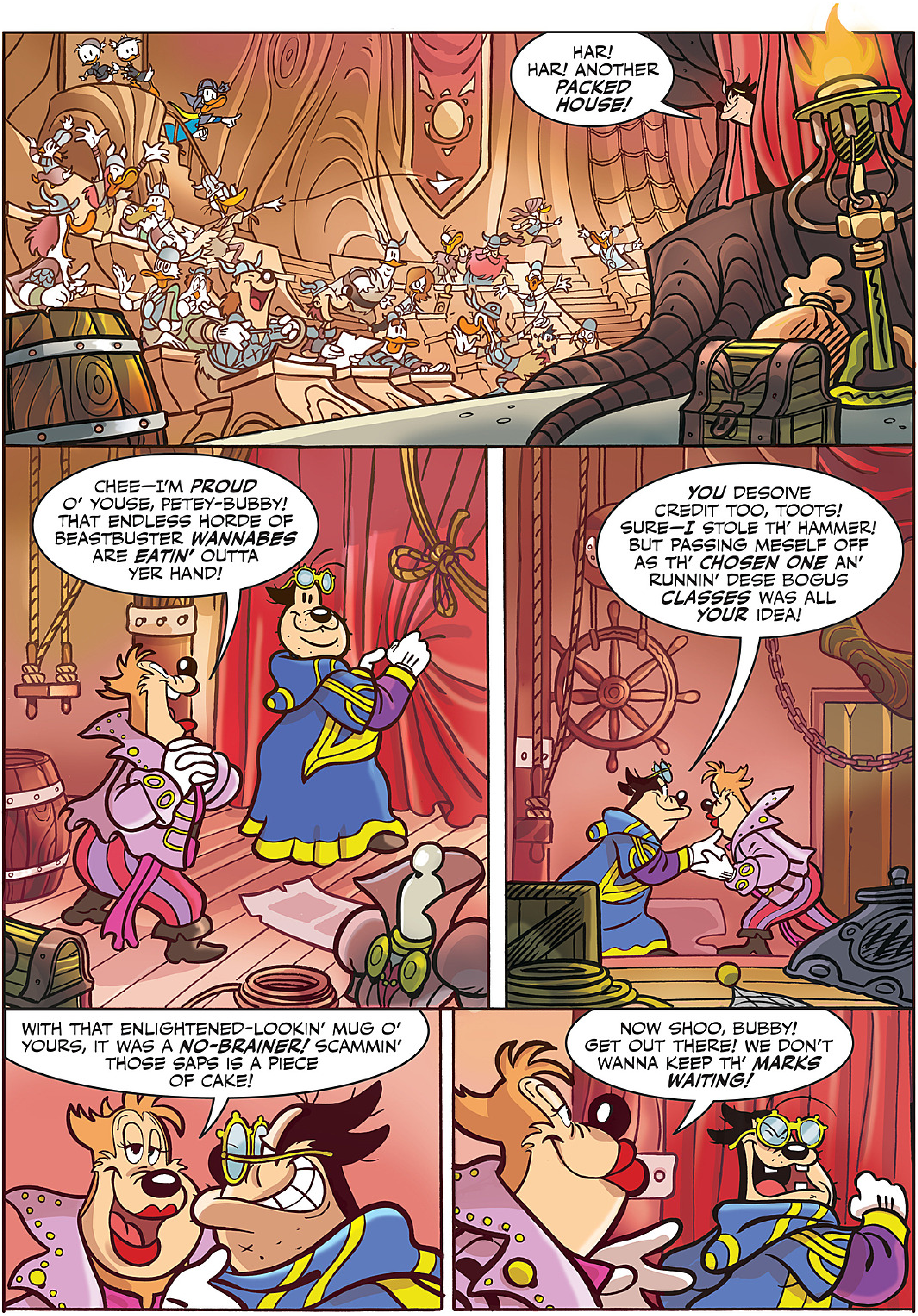


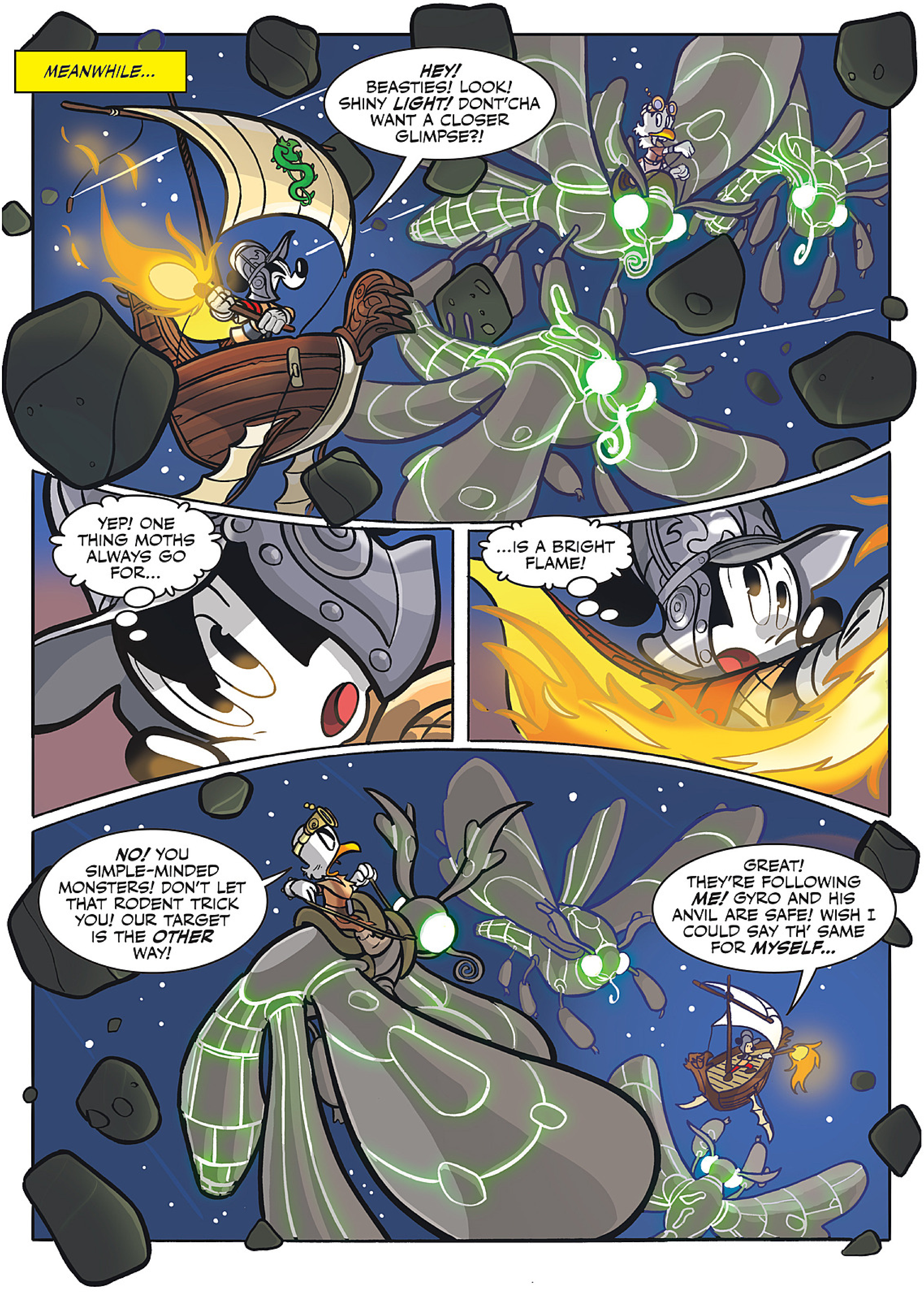

HOW'M I GONNA *STOP* THIS BOZO'S ATTACK ON GYRO'S WORKSHOP?!
HOLD TH' PHONE! I'M GETTIN' A *BRAINSTORM!*

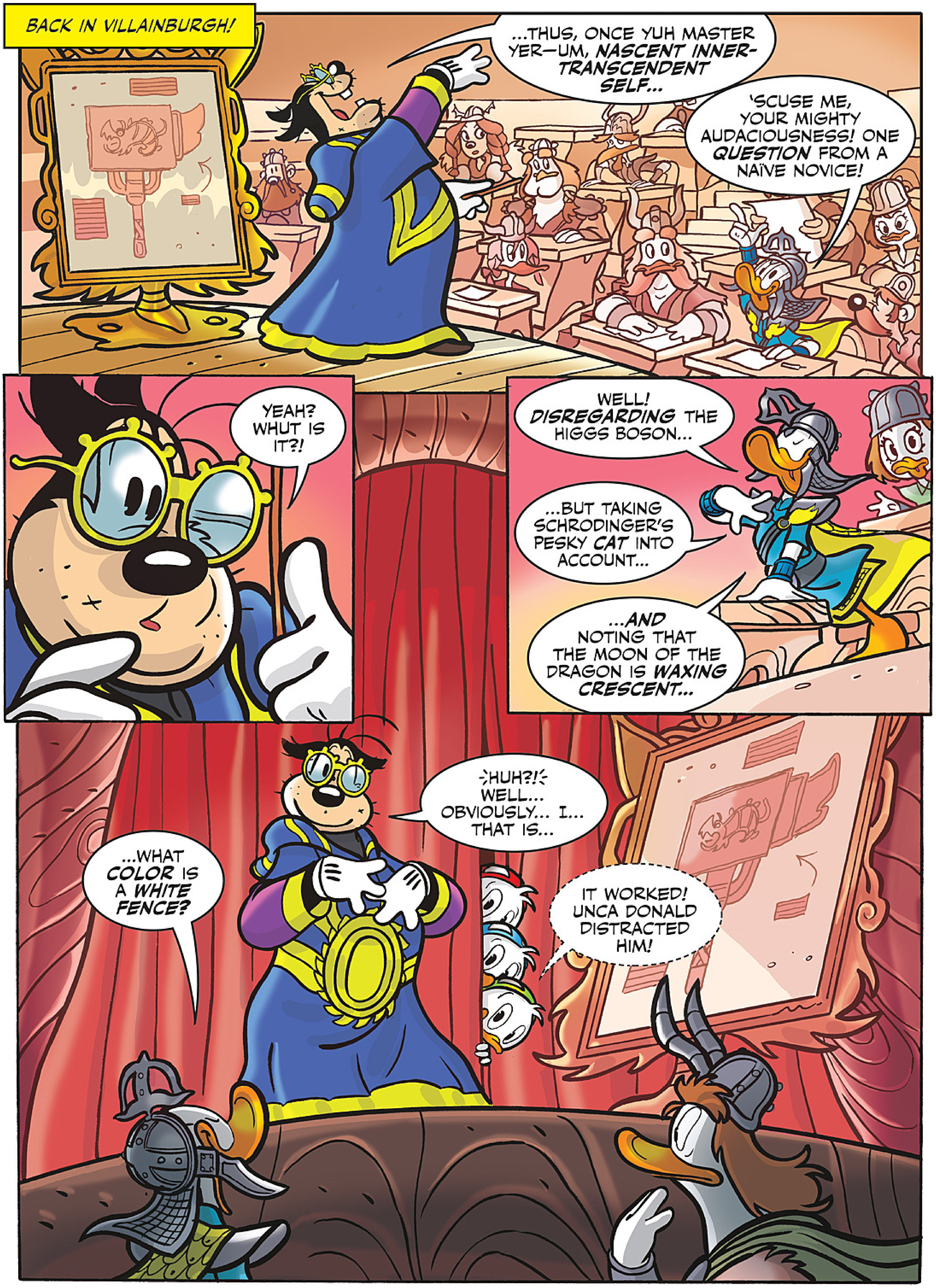
Chapter 2
THE WANDERING ROCKS

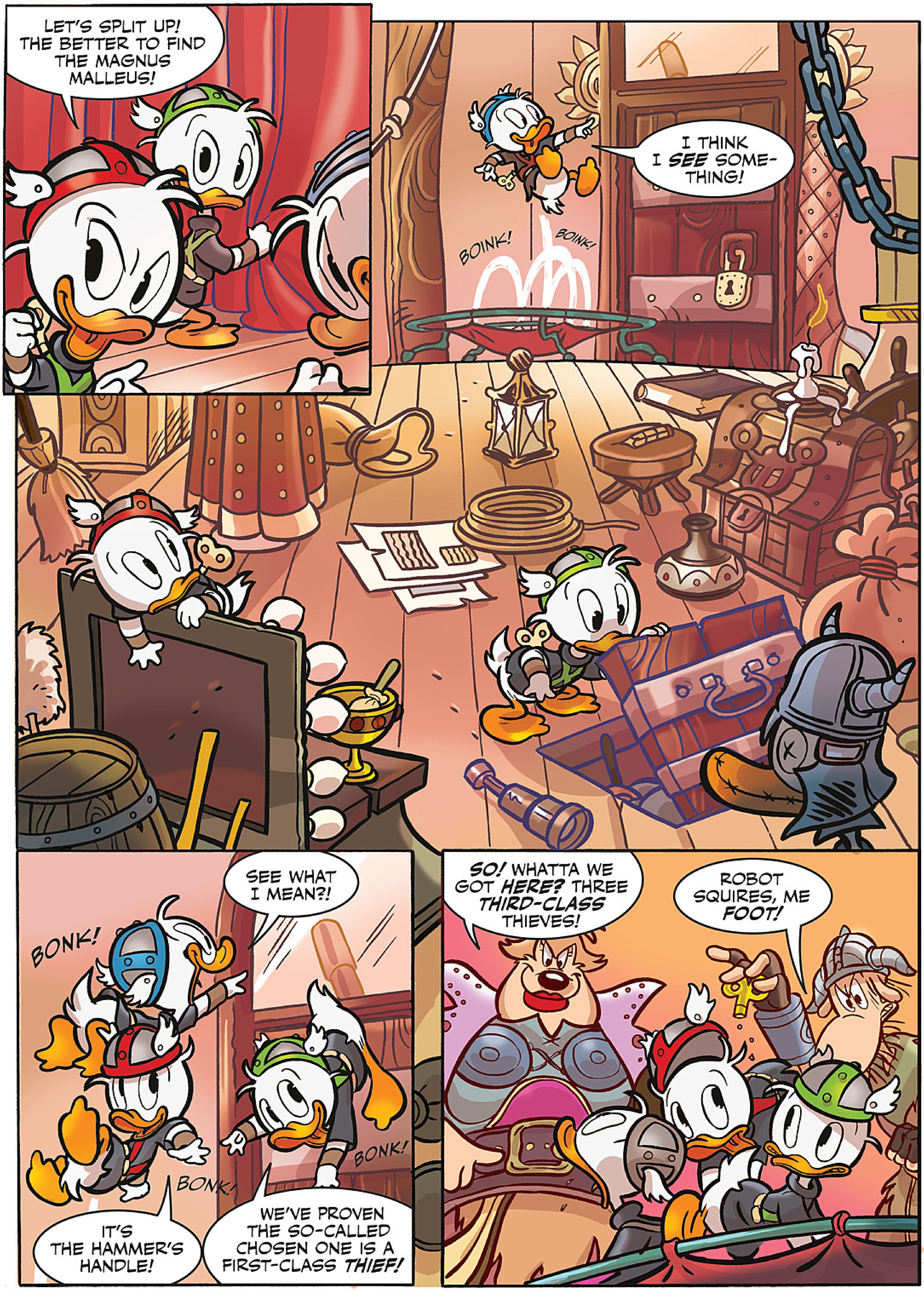

VILLAINBURGH TOWNSHIP!
TOWN HALL
BEASTBUSTER ACADEMY TICKET BOOTH
FEAST YOUR PEEPERS ON THIS *MOB!* YEESH! THERE'S A SEEKER BORN EVERY MINUTE!
HOLD STILL WHILE I STICK THIS *PHONY KEY* ON YOU!
LOOK AT ME! I'M A WIND-UP ROBOT!

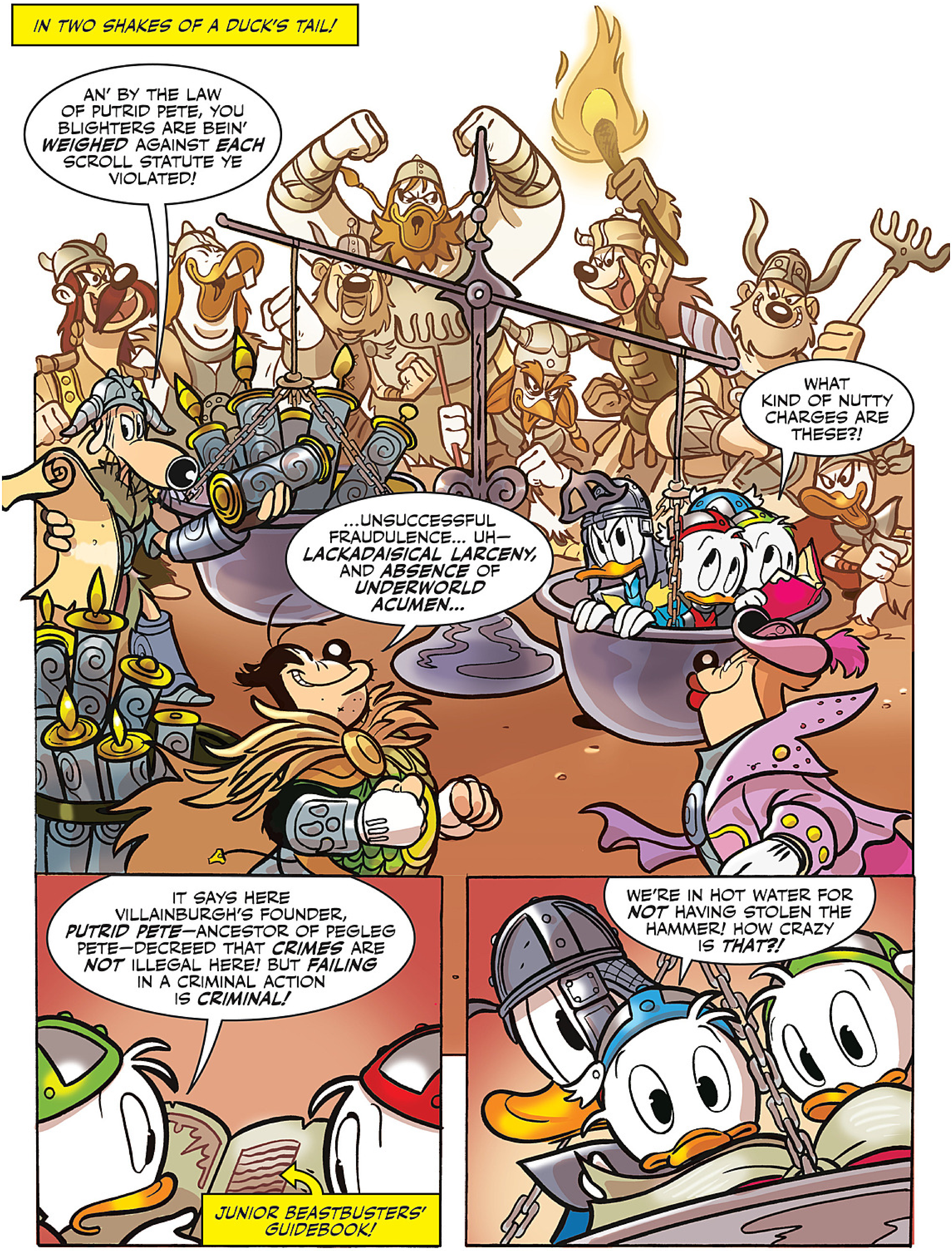

WOT'S ALL *THIS* THEN?!
WHAT'S IT *LOOK* LIKE?! A COUPON FOR A FREE LESSON FROM THE *CHOSEN ONE!*
GOOD FER A *SINGLE CUSTOMER,* MATE!
THAT'S ME! A *LONE* KNIGHT...
...WITH HIS *AUDIO-ANIMATRONIC* SQUIRES! SEE?! YOU WIND 'EM UP WITH A KEY!
KEEP THOSE EYES GLASSY, FRAGMENTS!
SOMETHING'S *OFF* ABOUT THAT BLIGHTER AN' HIS ITTY-BITTY BOTS!

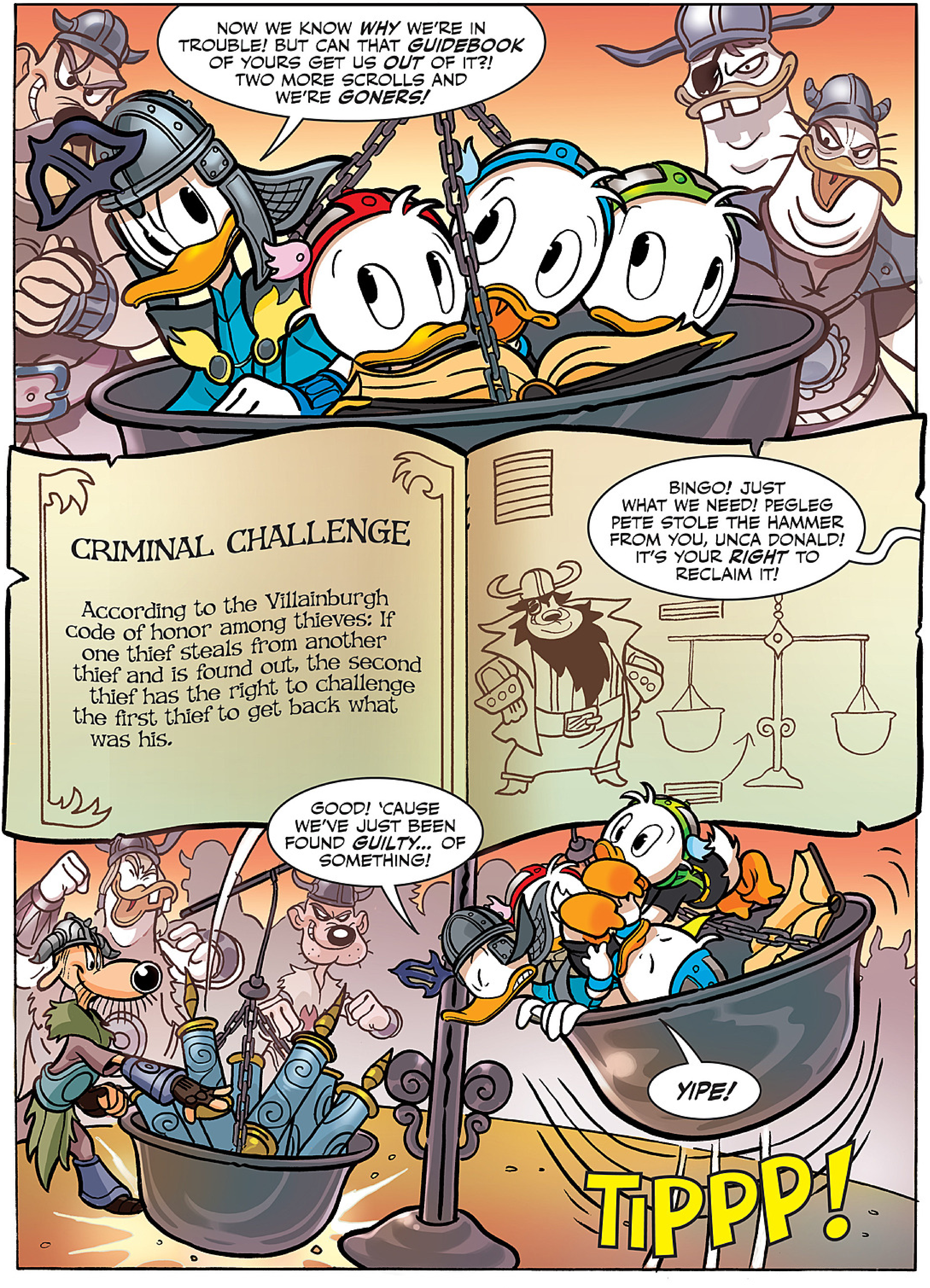

HAR! HAR! ANOTHER *PACKED HOUSE!*
CHEE—I'M *PROUD* O' YOUSE, PETEY-BUBBY! THAT ENDLESS HORDE OF BEASTBUSTER *WANNABES* ARE *EATIN'* OUTTA YER HAND!
YOU DESOIVE CREDIT TOO, TOOTS! SURE—*I* STOLE TH' HAMMER! BUT PASSING MESELF OFF AS TH' *CHOSEN ONE* AN' RUNNIN' DESE BOGUS *CLASSES* WAS ALL *YOUR* IDEA!
WITH THAT ENLIGHTENED-LOOKIN' MUG O' YOURS, IT WAS A *NO-BRAINER!* SCAMMIN' THOSE SAPS IS A PIECE OF CAKE!
NOW SHOO, BUBBY! GET OUT THERE! WE DON'T WANNA KEEP TH' *MARKS WAITING!*

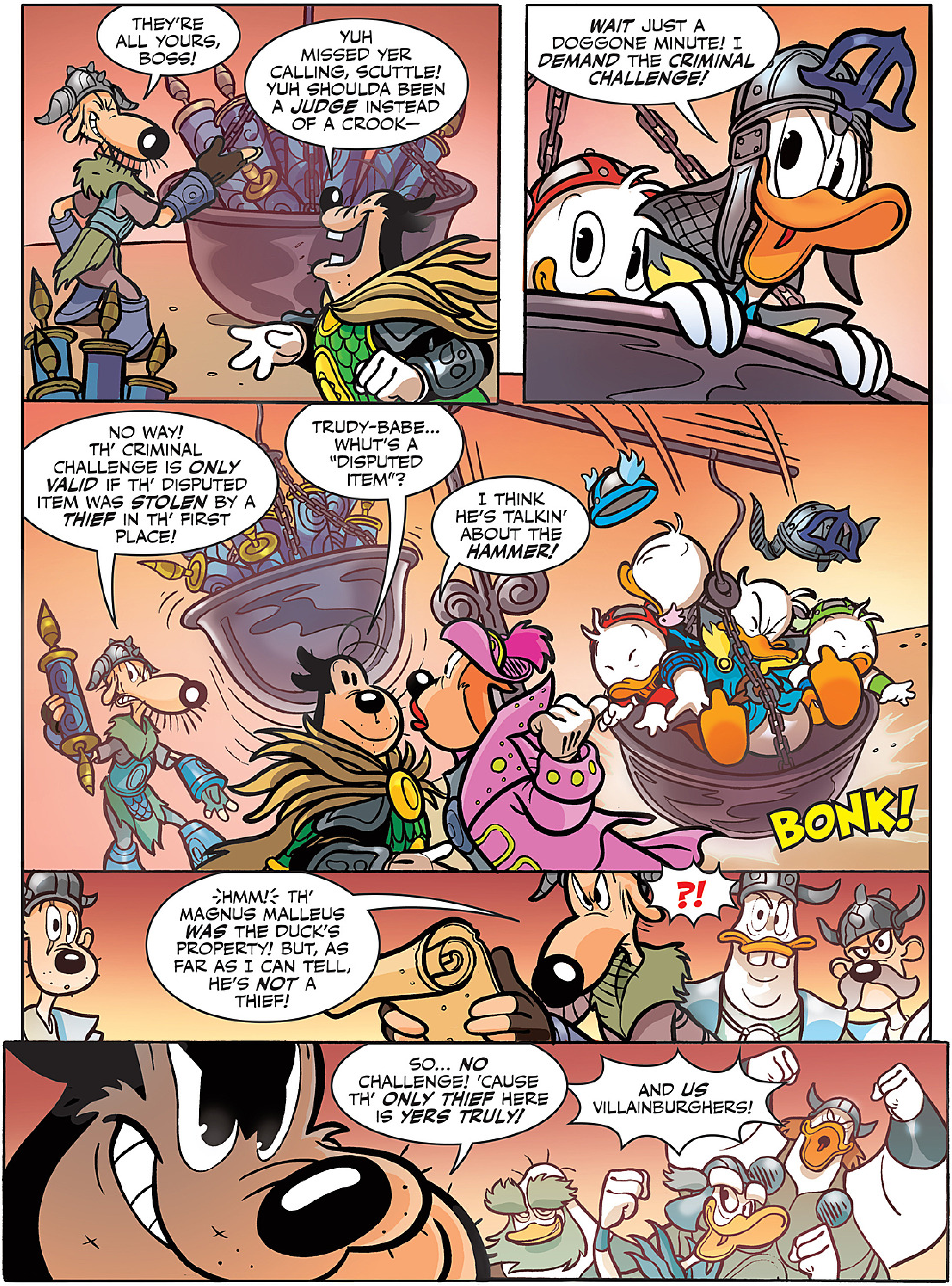

MEANWHILE...
HEY! BEASTIES! LOOK! SHINY LIGHT! DONT'CHA WANT A CLOSER GLIMPSE?!
YEP! ONE THING MOTHS ALWAYS GO FOR...
...IS A BRIGHT FLAME!
NO! YOU SIMPLE-MINDED MONSTERS! DON'T LET THAT RODENT TRICK YOU! OUR TARGET IS THE OTHER WAY!
GREAT! THEY'RE FOLLOWING ME! GYRO AND HIS ANVIL ARE SAFE! WISH I COULD SAY TH' SAME FOR MYSELF...

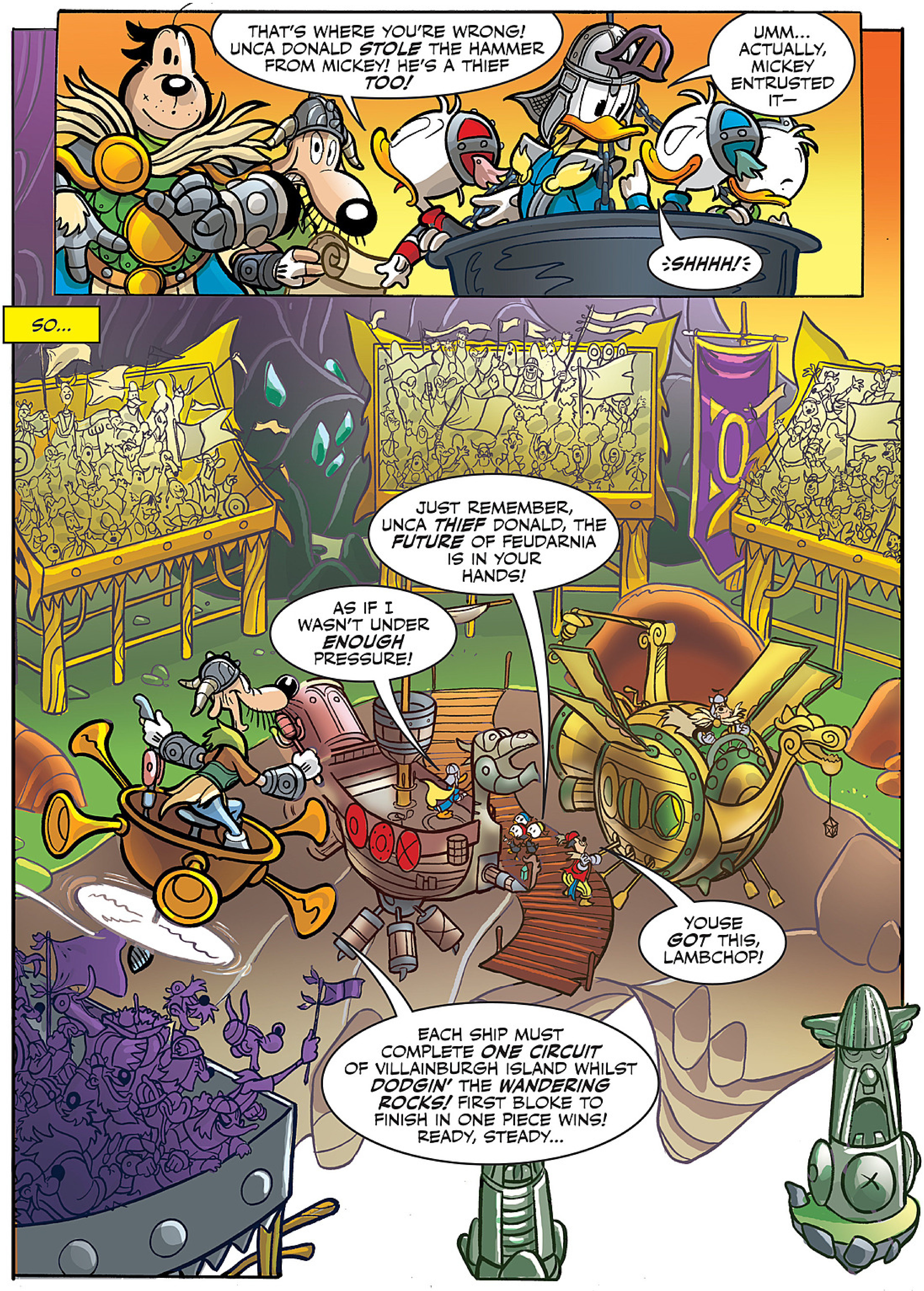

BACK IN VILLAINBURGH!
...THUS, ONCE YUH MASTER YER—UM, NASCENT INNER-TRANSCENDENT SELF...
'SCUSE ME, YOUR MIGHTY AUDACIOUSNESS! ONE QUESTION FROM A NAÏVE NOVICE!
YEAH? WHUT IS IT?!
WELL! DISREGARDING THE HIGGS BOSON...
...BUT TAKING SCHRODINGER'S PESKY CAT INTO ACCOUNT...
...AND NOTING THAT THE MOON OF THE DRAGON IS WAXING CRESCENT...
...WHAT COLOR IS A WHITE FENCE?
HUH?! WELL... OBVIOUSLY... I... THAT IS...
IT WORKED! UNCA DONALD DISTRACTED HIM!


LET'S SPLIT UP! THE BETTER TO FIND THE MAGNUS MALLEUS!
I THINK I *SEE* SOMETHING!
BOINK!
BOINK!
BONK!
SEE WHAT I MEAN?!
BONK!
BONK!
IT'S THE HAMMER'S HANDLE!
WE'VE PROVEN THE SO-CALLED CHOSEN ONE IS A FIRST-CLASS *THIEF!*
SO! WHATTA WE GOT *HERE?* THREE *THIRD-CLASS* THIEVES!
ROBOT SQUIRES, ME *FOOT!*


IN TWO SHAKES OF A DUCK'S TAIL!
AN' BY THE LAW OF PUTRID PETE, YOU BLIGHTERS ARE BEIN' *WEIGHED* AGAINST *EACH* SCROLL STATUTE YE VIOLATED!
WHAT KIND OF NUTTY CHARGES ARE THESE?!
...UNSUCCESSFUL FRAUDULENCE... UH— *LACKADAISICAL LARCENY,* AND *ABSENCE* OF *UNDERWORLD ACUMEN...*
IT SAYS HERE VILLAINBURGH'S FOUNDER, *PUTRID PETE*—ANCESTOR OF PEGLEG PETE—DECREED THAT *CRIMES* ARE *NOT* ILLEGAL HERE! BUT *FAILING* IN A CRIMINAL ACTION IS *CRIMINAL!*
JUNIOR BEASTBUSTERS' GUIDEBOOK!
WE'RE IN HOT WATER FOR *NOT* HAVING STOLEN THE HAMMER! HOW CRAZY IS *THAT?!*

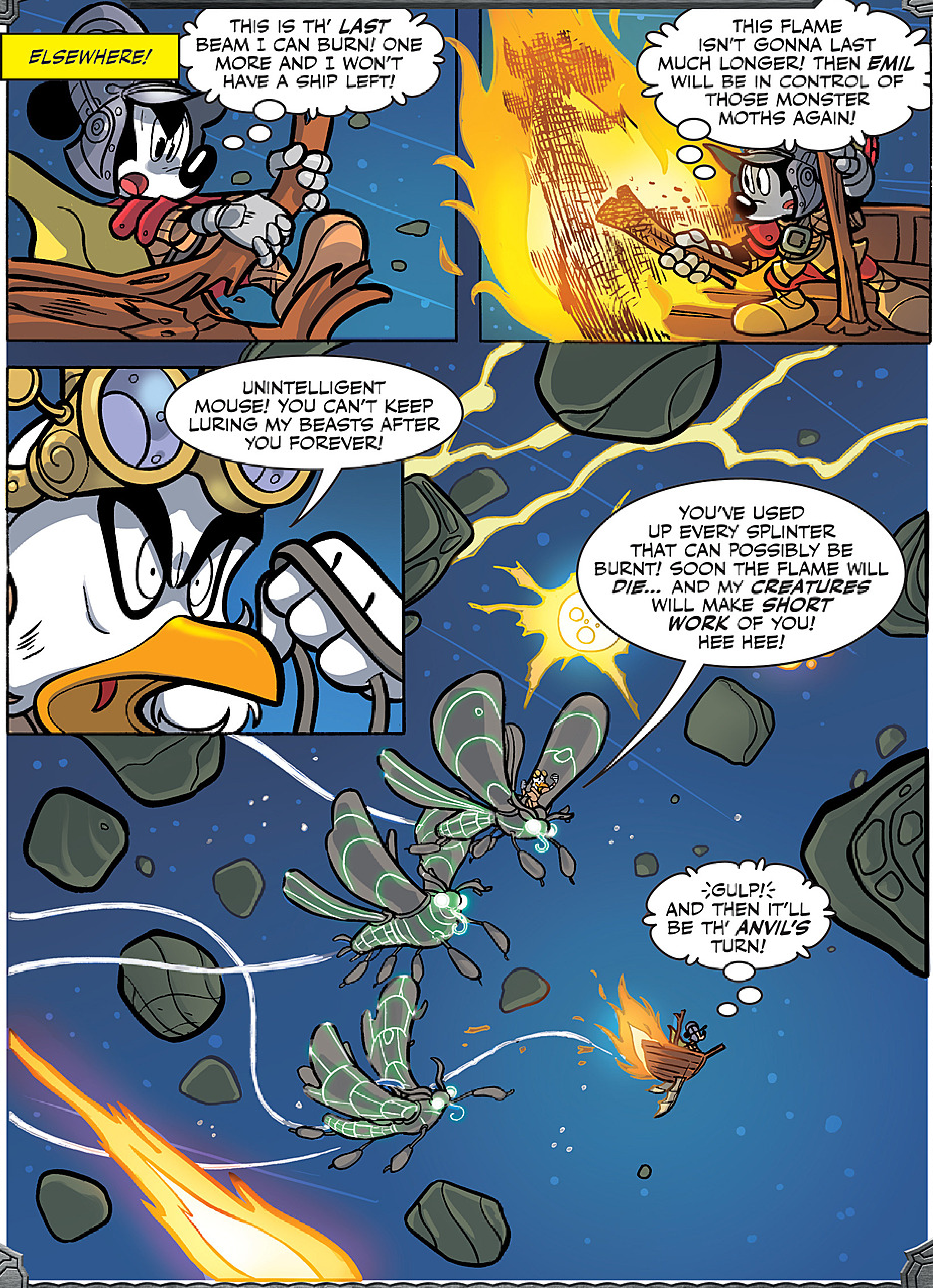

NOW WE KNOW *WHY* WE'RE IN TROUBLE! BUT CAN THAT *GUIDEBOOK* OF YOURS GET US *OUT* OF IT?! TWO MORE SCROLLS AND WE'RE *GONERS!*
CRIMINAL CHALLENGE
According to the Villainburgh code of honor among thieves: If one thief steals from another thief and is found out, the second thief has the right to challenge the first thief to get back what was his.
BINGO! JUST WHAT WE NEED! PEGLEG PETE STOLE THE HAMMER FROM YOU, UNCA DONALD! IT'S YOUR *RIGHT* TO RECLAIM IT!
GOOD! 'CAUSE WE'VE JUST BEEN FOUND *GUILTY...* OF SOMETHING!
YIPE!
TIPPP!

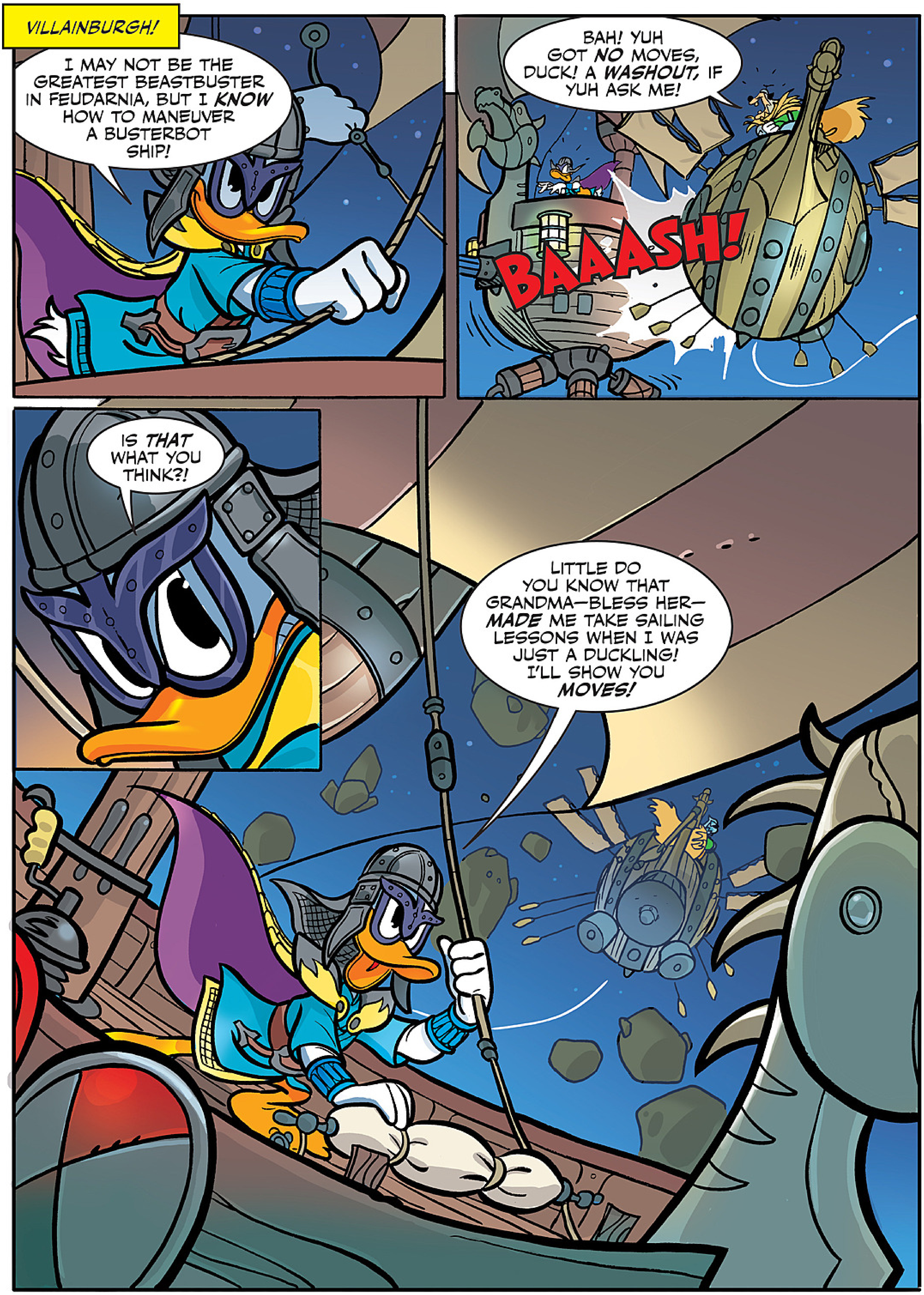

THEY'RE ALL YOURS, BOSS!
YUH MISSED YER CALLING, SCUTTLE! YUH SHOULDA BEEN A *JUDGE* INSTEAD OF A CROOK—
WAIT JUST A DOGGONE MINUTE! I *DEMAND* THE *CRIMINAL CHALLENGE!*
NO WAY! TH' CRIMINAL CHALLENGE IS *ONLY VALID* IF TH' DISPUTED ITEM WAS *STOLEN* BY A *THIEF* IN TH' FIRST PLACE!
TRUDY-BABE... WHUT'S A "DISPUTED ITEM"?
I THINK HE'S TALKIN' ABOUT THE *HAMMER!*
BONK!
HMM! TH' MAGNUS MALLEUS *WAS* THE DUCK'S PROPERTY! BUT, AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, HE'S *NOT* A THIEF!
?!
SO... *NO* CHALLENGE! 'CAUSE TH' *ONLY THIEF* HERE IS *YERS TRULY!*
AND *US* VILLAINBURGHERS!

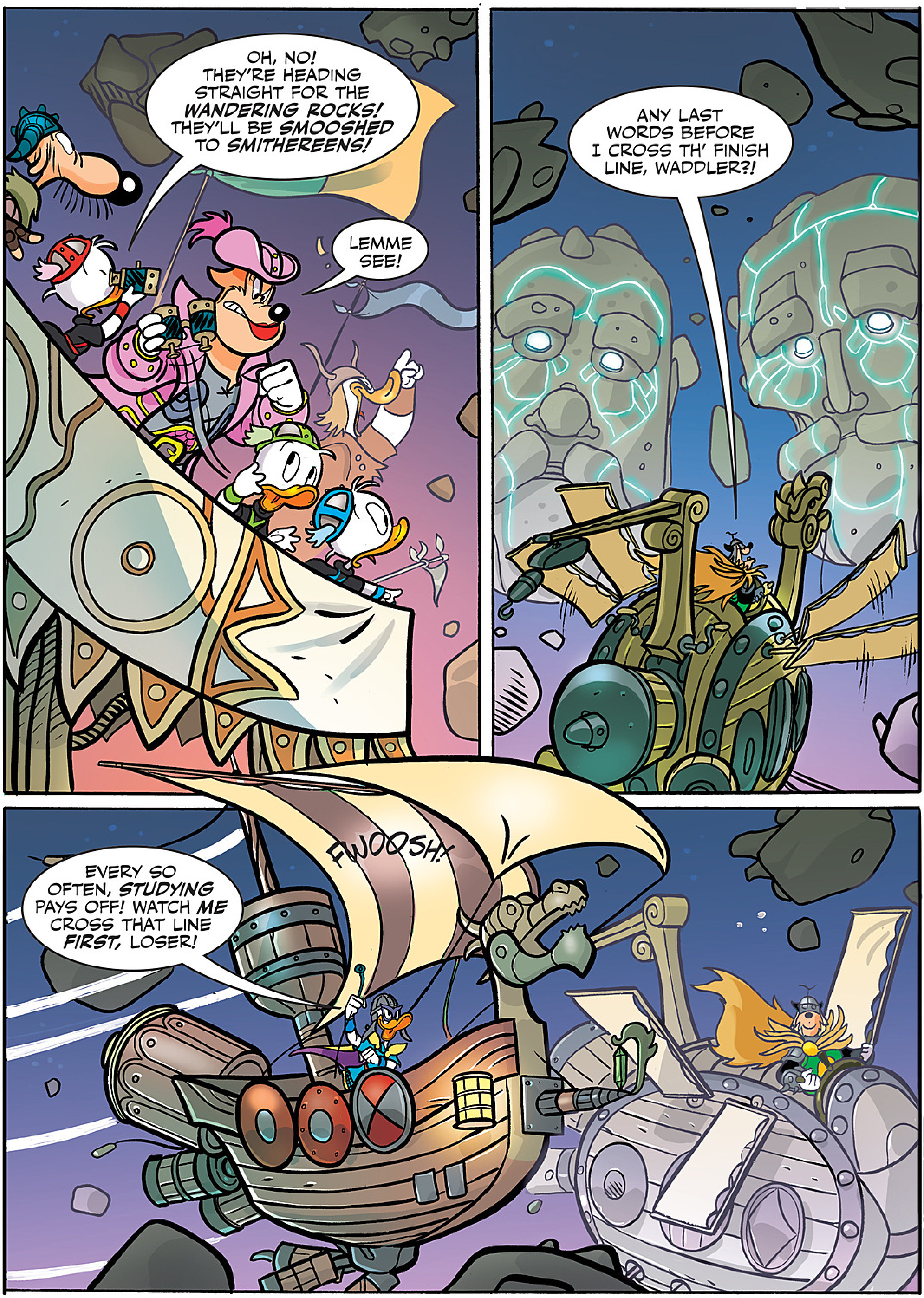

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG! UNCA DONALD *STOLE* THE HAMMER FROM MICKEY! HE'S A THIEF *TOO!*
UMM... ACTUALLY, MICKEY ENTRUSTED IT—
SHHHH!
SO...
JUST REMEMBER, UNCA *THIEF* DONALD, THE *FUTURE* OF FEUDARNIA IS IN YOUR HANDS!
AS IF I WASN'T UNDER *ENOUGH* PRESSURE!
YOUSE *GOT* THIS, LAMBCHOP!
EACH SHIP MUST COMPLETE *ONE CIRCUIT* OF VILLAINBURGH ISLAND WHILST *DODGIN'* THE *WANDERING ROCKS!* FIRST BLOKE TO FINISH IN ONE PIECE WINS! READY, STEADY...

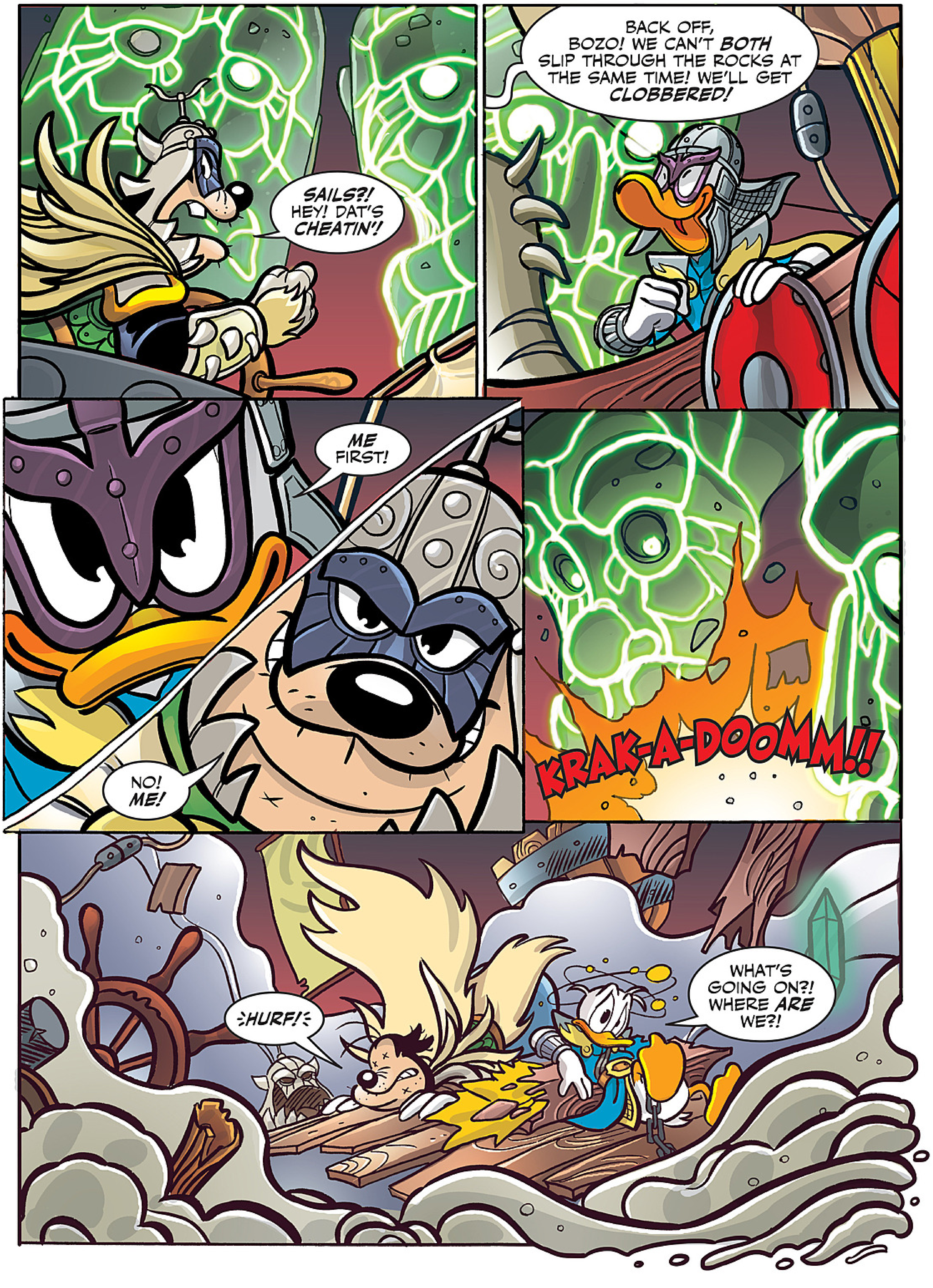
Chapter 3

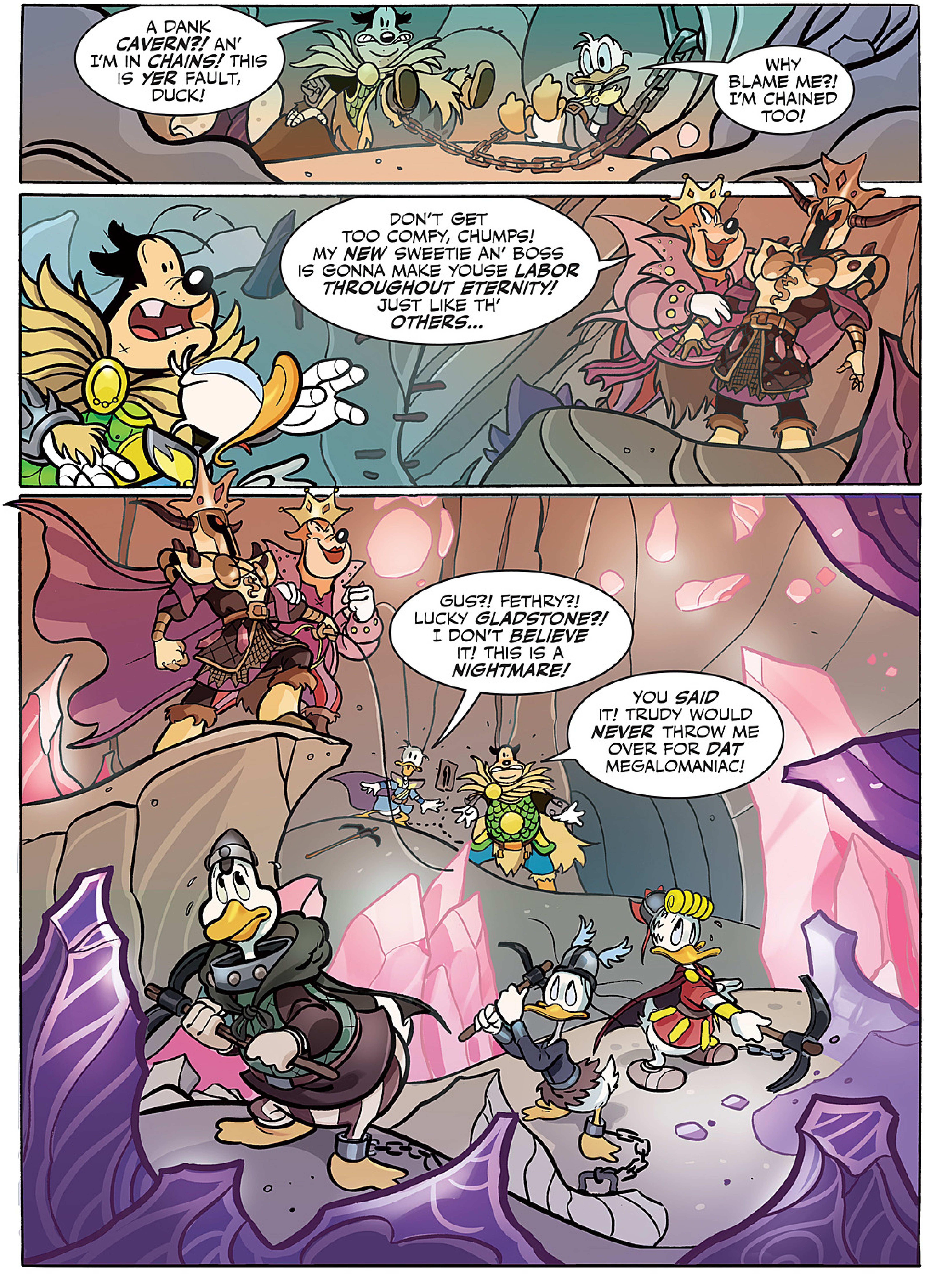
RUN, RODENT, RUN

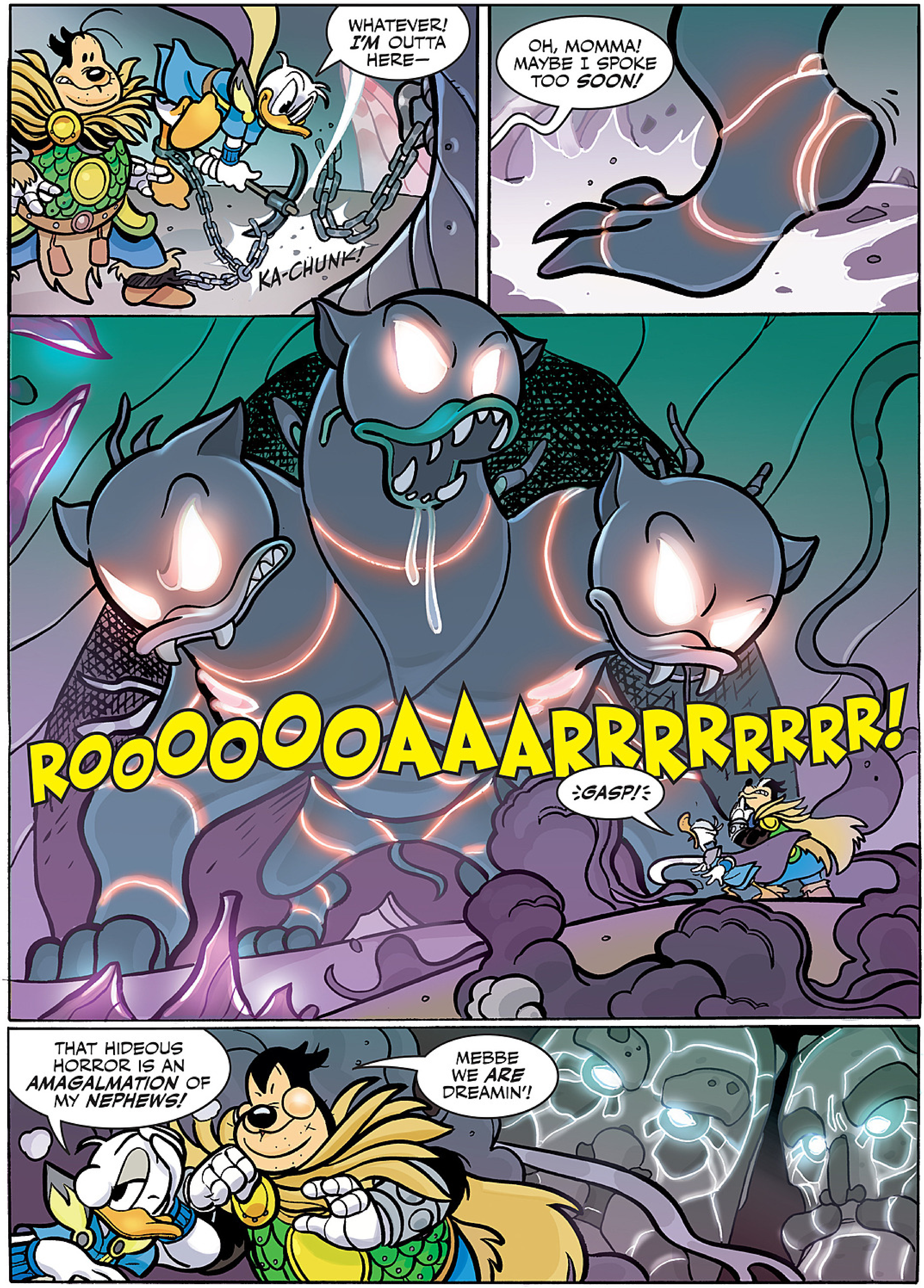

ELSEWHERE!
THIS IS TH' LAST BEAM I CAN BURN! ONE MORE AND I WON'T HAVE A SHIP LEFT!
THIS FLAME ISN'T GONNA LAST MUCH LONGER! THEN EMIL WILL BE IN CONTROL OF THOSE MONSTER MOTHS AGAIN!
UNINTELLIGENT MOUSE! YOU CAN'T KEEP LURING MY BEASTS AFTER YOU FOREVER!
YOU'VE USED UP EVERY SPLINTER THAT CAN POSSIBLY BE BURNT! SOON THE FLAME WILL DIE... AND MY CREATURES WILL MAKE SHORT WORK OF YOU! HEE HEE!
-GULP!- AND THEN IT'LL BE TH' ANVIL'S TURN!

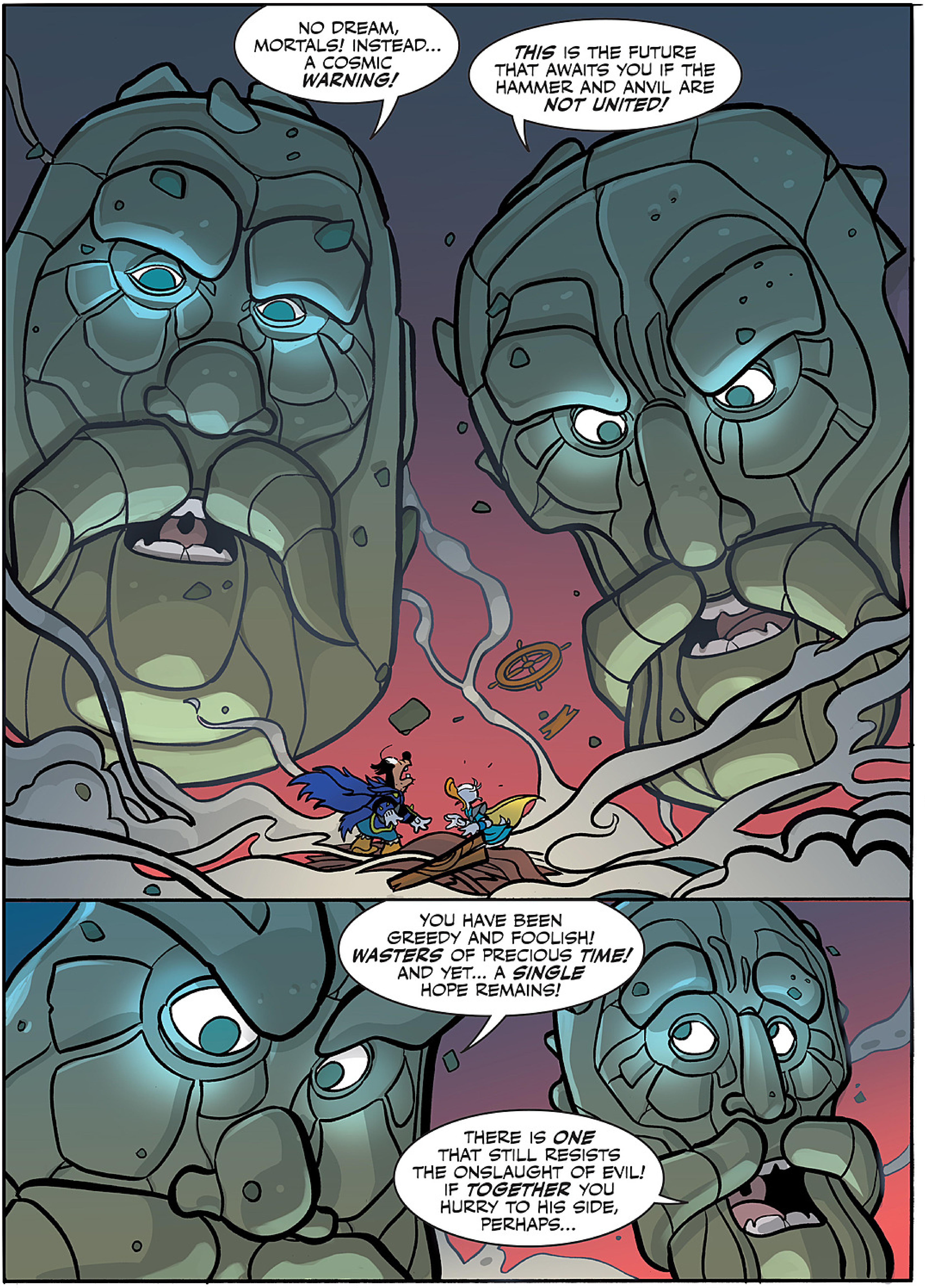

VILLAINBURGH!
I MAY NOT BE THE GREATEST BEASTBUSTER IN FEUDARNIA, BUT I *KNOW* HOW TO MANEUVER A BUSTERBOT SHIP!
BAH! YUH GOT *NO* MOVES, DUCK! A *WASHOUT,* IF YUH ASK ME!
BAAASH!
IS *THAT* WHAT YOU THINK?!
LITTLE DO YOU KNOW THAT GRANDMA—BLESS HER—*MADE* ME TAKE SAILING LESSONS WHEN I WAS JUST A DUCKLING! I'LL SHOW YOU *MOVES!*

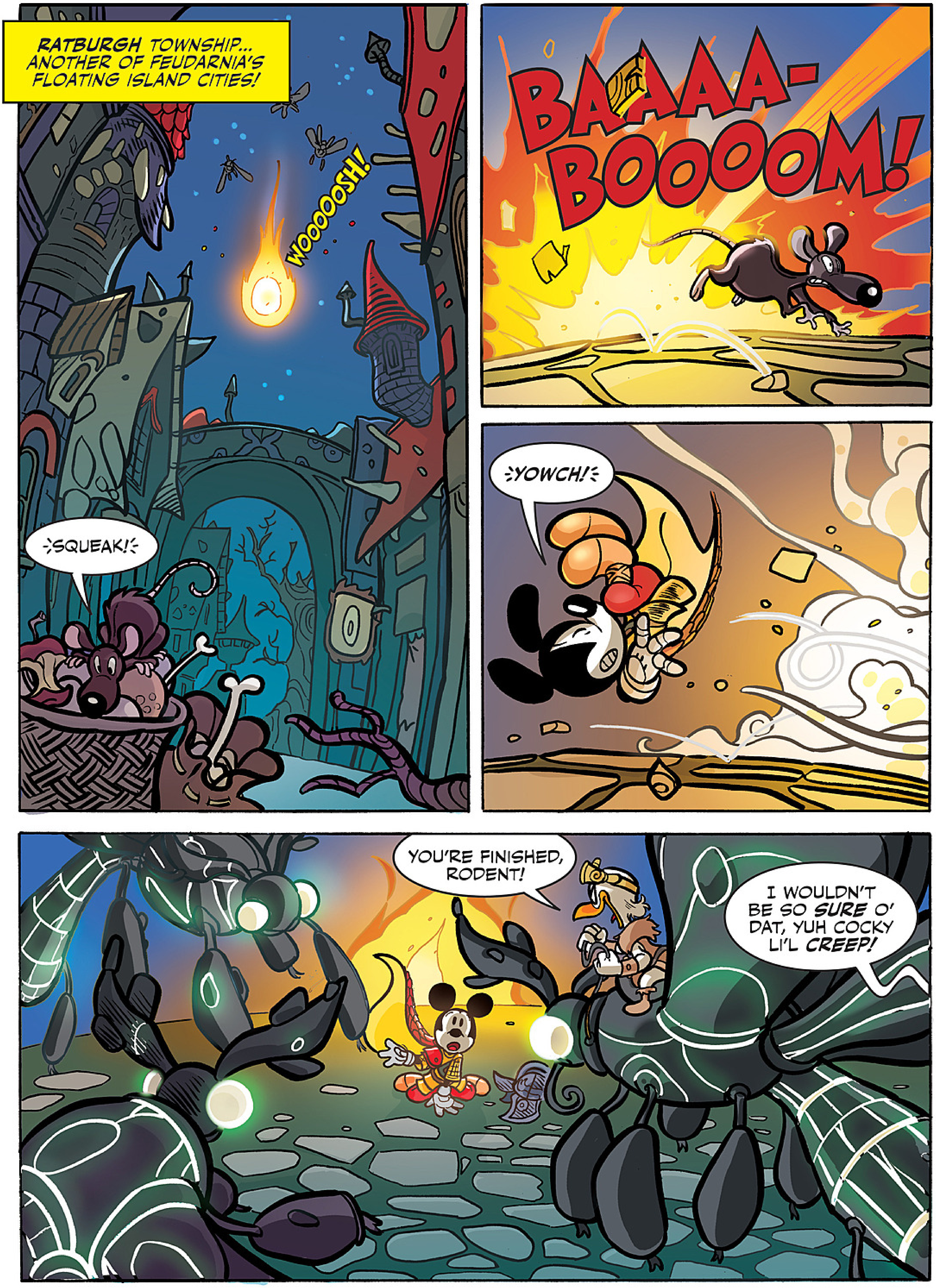

OH, NO! THEY'RE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE *WANDERING ROCKS!* THEY'LL BE *SMOOSHED* TO *SMITHEREENS!*
LEMME SEE!
ANY LAST WORDS BEFORE I CROSS TH' FINISH LINE, WADDLER?!
FWOOSH!
EVERY SO OFTEN, *STUDYING* PAYS OFF! WATCH *ME* CROSS THAT LINE *FIRST,* LOSER!

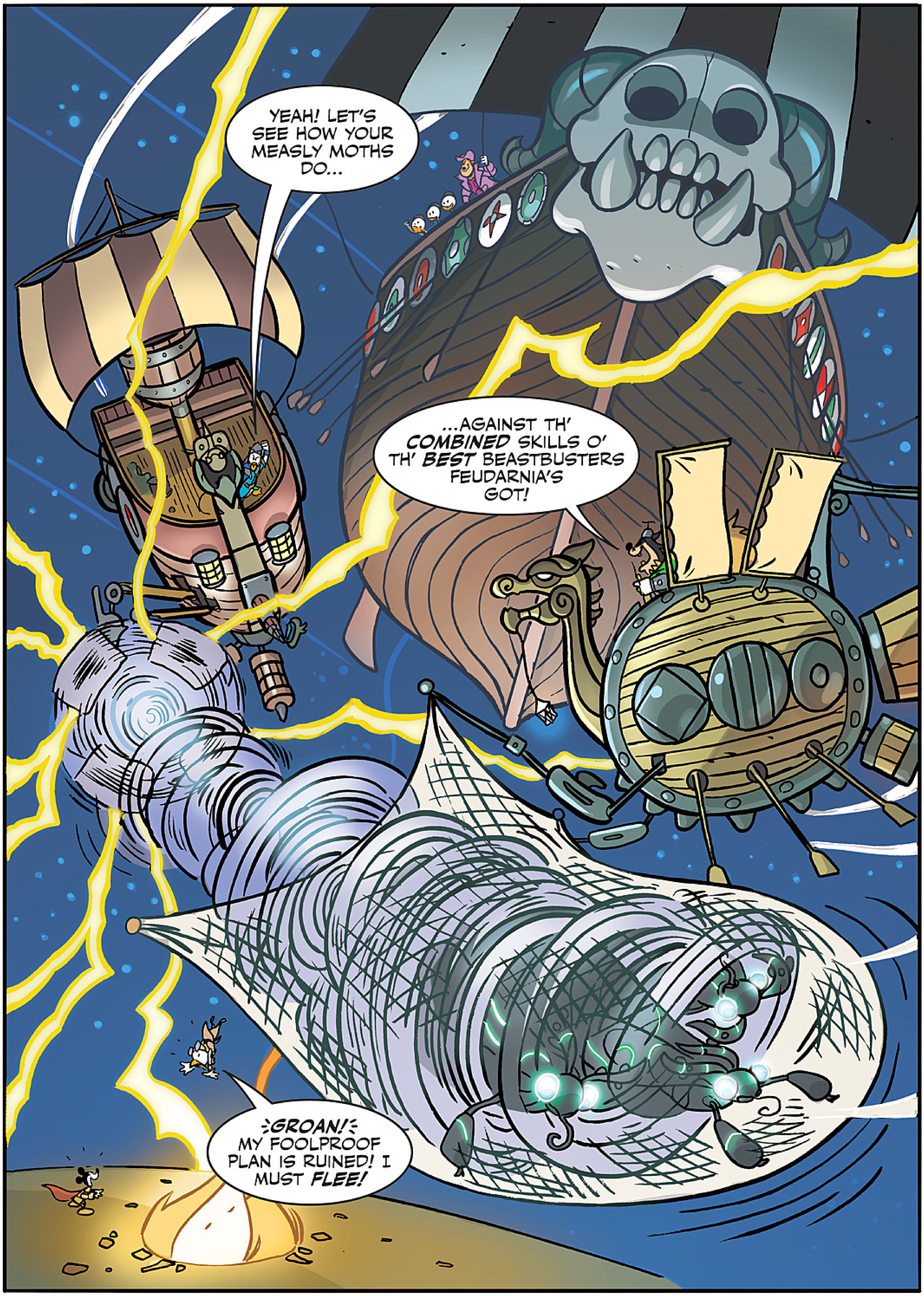

SAILS?! HEY! DAT'S *CHEATIN'!*
BACK OFF, BOZO! WE CAN'T *BOTH* SLIP THROUGH THE ROCKS AT THE SAME TIME! WE'LL GET *CLOBBERED!*
ME FIRST!
NO! *ME!*
KRAK-A-DOOMM!!
HURF!
WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHERE *ARE* WE?!

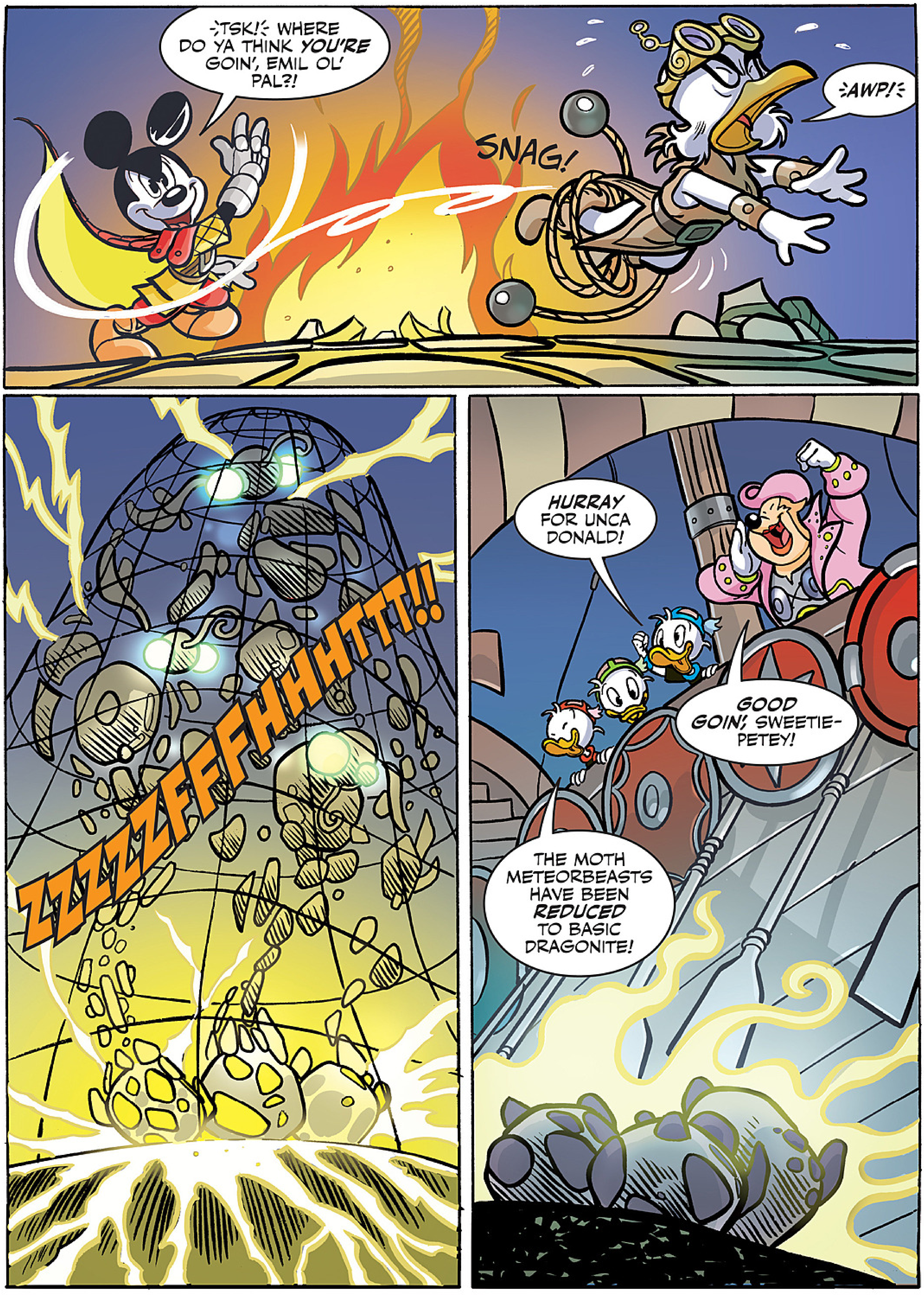

A DANK CAVERN?! AN' I'M IN CHAINS! THIS IS YER FAULT, DUCK!
WHY BLAME ME?! I'M CHAINED TOO!
DON'T GET TOO COMFY, CHUMPS! MY NEW SWEETIE AN' BOSS IS GONNA MAKE YOUSE LABOR THROUGHOUT ETERNITY! JUST LIKE TH' OTHERS...
GUS?! FETHRY?! LUCKY GLADSTONE?! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! THIS IS A NIGHTMARE!
YOU SAID IT! TRUDY WOULD NEVER THROW ME OVER FOR DAT MEGALOMANIAC!

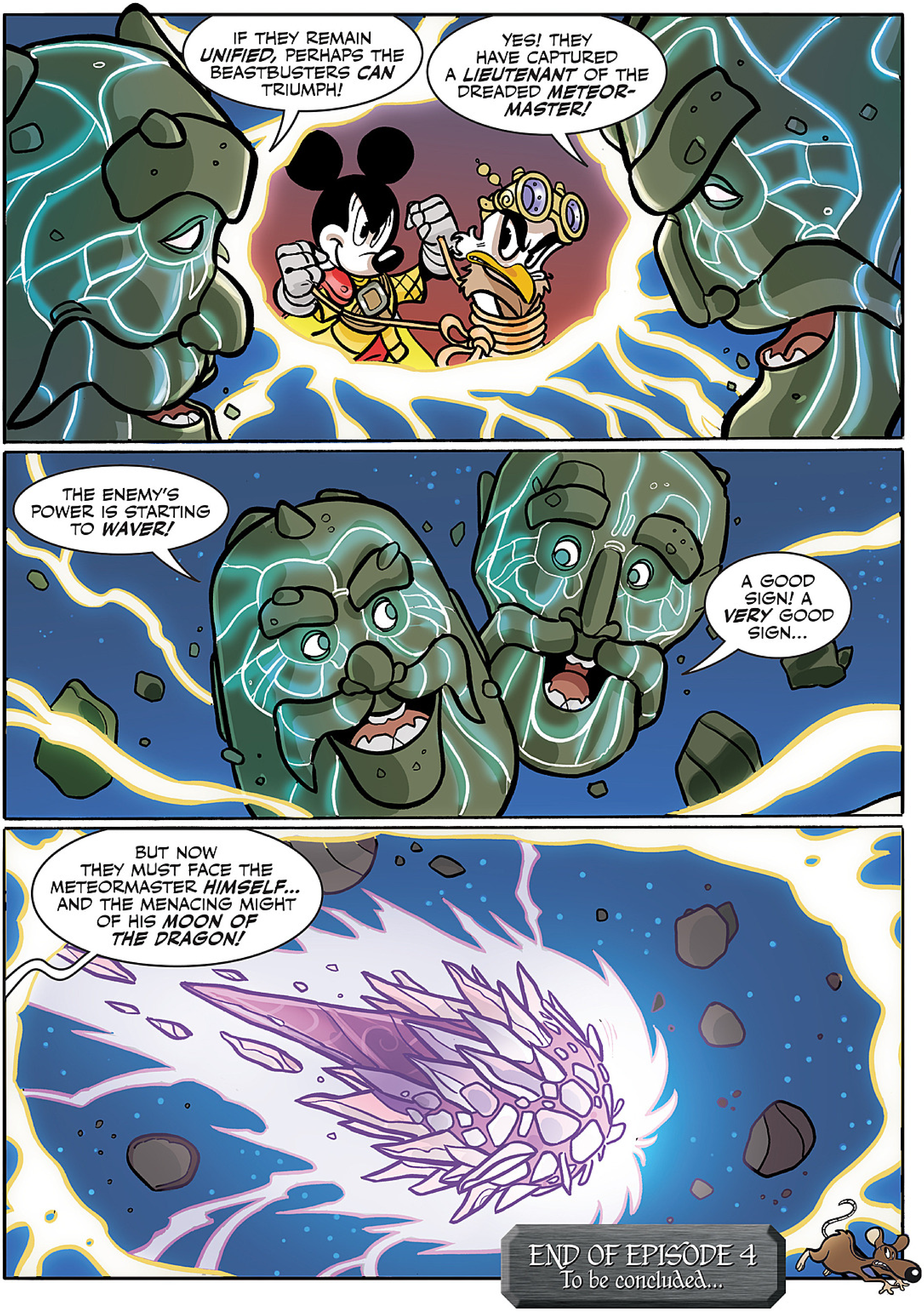

WHATEVER! *I'M* OUTTA HERE—
KA-CHUNK!
OH, MOMMA! MAYBE I SPOKE TOO *SOON!*
ROOOOOOAAARRRRRRR!
:GASP!:
THAT HIDEOUS HORROR IS AN *AMAGALMATION* OF MY *NEPHEWS!*
MEBBE WE *ARE* DREAMIN'!


NO DREAM, MORTALS! INSTEAD... A COSMIC *WARNING!*
THIS IS THE FUTURE THAT AWAITS YOU IF THE HAMMER AND ANVIL ARE *NOT UNITED!*
YOU HAVE BEEN GREEDY AND FOOLISH! *WASTERS* OF PRECIOUS *TIME!* AND YET... A *SINGLE* HOPE REMAINS!
THERE IS *ONE* THAT STILL RESISTS THE ONSLAUGHT OF EVIL! IF *TOGETHER* YOU HURRY TO HIS SIDE, PERHAPS...


RATBURGH TOWNSHIP... ANOTHER OF FEUDARNIA'S FLOATING ISLAND CITIES!
WOOOOOSH!
SQUEAK!
BAAAA-BOOOOM!
YOWCH!
YOU'RE FINISHED, RODENT!
I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE O' DAT, YUH COCKY LI'L CREEP!


YEAH! LET'S SEE HOW YOUR MEASLY MOTHS DO...
...AGAINST TH' *COMBINED* SKILLS O' TH' *BEST* BEASTBUSTERS FEUDARNIA'S GOT!
GROAN! MY FOOLPROOF PLAN IS RUINED! I MUST *FLEE!*


-TSK!- WHERE DO YA THINK *YOU'RE* GOIN', EMIL OL' PAL?!
SNAG!
-AWP!-
ZZZZZFFFFHHHTTT!!
HURRAY FOR UNCA DONALD!
GOOD GOIN', SWEETIE-PETEY!
THE MOTH METEORBEASTS HAVE BEEN *REDUCED* TO BASIC DRAGONITE!

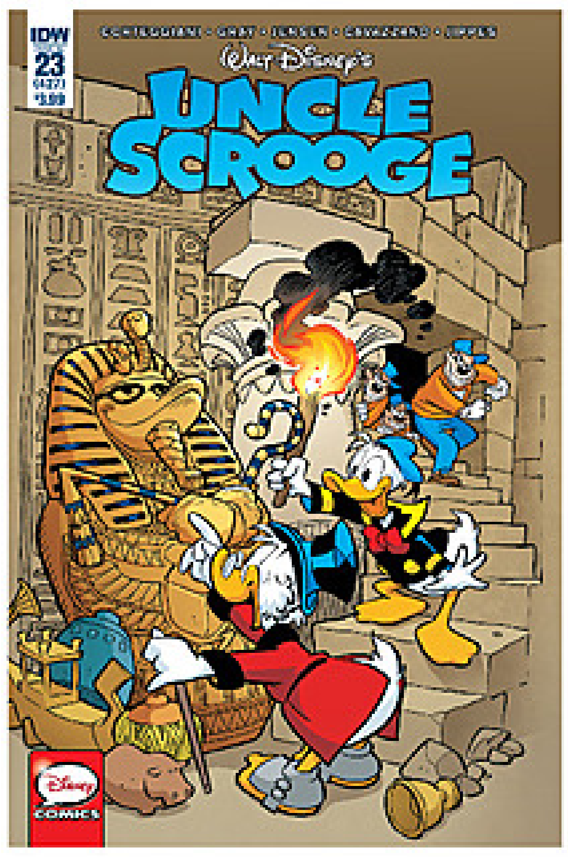


IF THEY REMAIN *UNIFIED,* PERHAPS THE BEASTBUSTERS *CAN* TRIUMPH!
YES! THEY HAVE CAPTURED A *LIEUTENANT* OF THE DREADED *METEORMASTER!*
THE ENEMY'S POWER IS STARTING TO *WAVER!*
A GOOD SIGN! A *VERY* GOOD SIGN...
BUT NOW THEY MUST FACE THE METEORMASTER *HIMSELF...* AND THE MENACING MIGHT OF HIS *MOON OF THE DRAGON!*
END OF EPISODE 4
To be concluded...

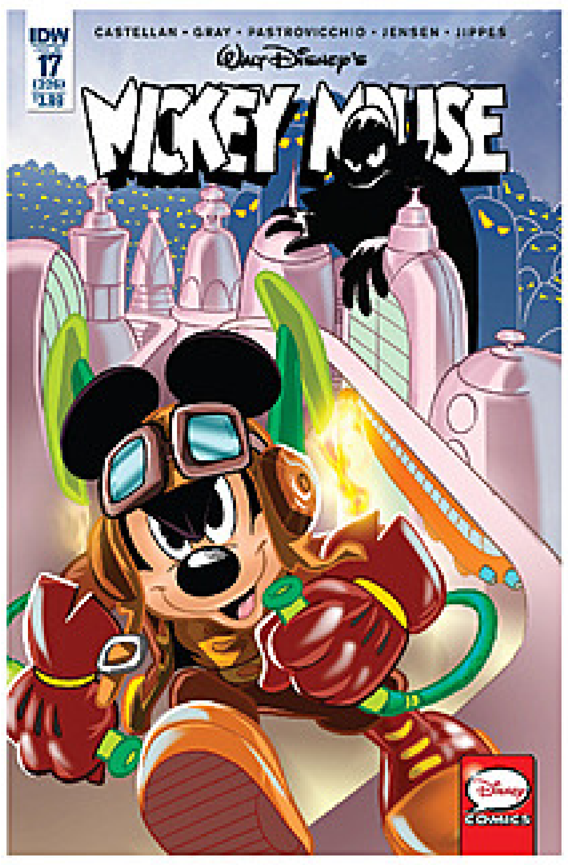
CROSSTALK

An Irregular Duckburg/Mouseton Update

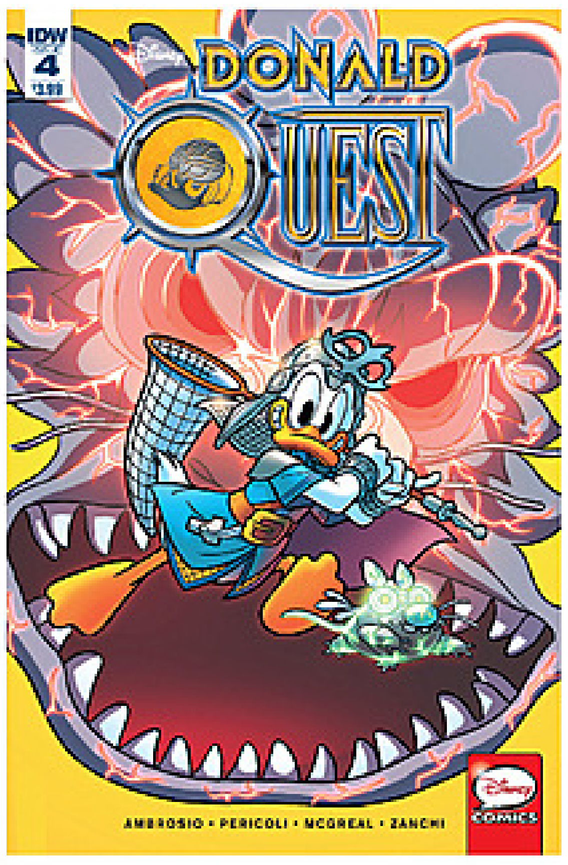
As Donald Duck would say—doggone the luck! It's one month out from the start of the year. Why, it feels like just yesterday that we were telling you about our Disney stars' New Year's resolutions: attempts at self-improvement, you know. But alas! The best laid plans of Mice and Ducks oft go awry. And now it seems we've already slipped on that banana peel of fate—and slid **right back into** the bad habits we left behind! Now February makes us shiver, as our **most fiendish Disney Comics bad guys** are doubling down on deviancy! How will we stop all the evil plots?



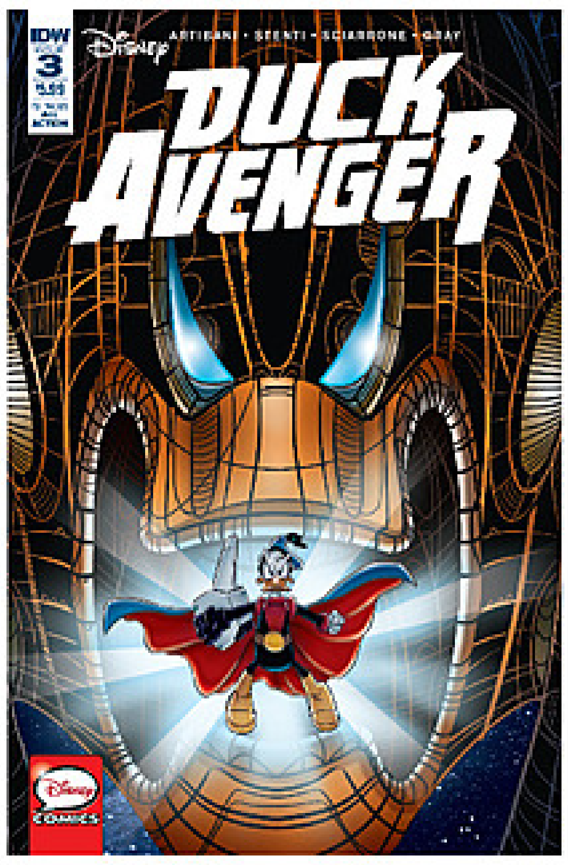
The action gets cracking—and the **Beagle Boys hacking!**—in *Uncle Scrooge* #23! But while the B-Boys usually hack into Scrooge's Money Bin with chisels and picks, now it's time for white-collar crime: Scrooge's e-mail account is getting the hack-job, and our bilious Beagles find a whole new way to turn a treasure hunt upside down! In a new-to-USA epic by fan favorite **Giorgio Cavazzano,** Scrooge, Donald, and Ludwig Von Drake seek the legendary **"Third Nile"**... and a lost valley where caveducks and ancient Egyptians live today! Until modern tech and Beagle banditry get involved...



And speaking of tech, beloved Mouseton *auteur* Andrea "Casty" Castellan is back in *Mickey Mouse* #17 with Part Two of "Darkenblot," our ongoing **Phantom Blot** whipcracker! Super-modern Avantgarde City has a robot for every civic duty... but now **robots are robbing people** too, and the good 'bots may not be strong enough to fight off the bad! The Blot, with his **Darkenblot robot army**, plans to rob Avantgarde's gold reserves amid the mayhem—and Mickey finds he's just a pawn on the futuristic chessboard!



Then... from future to past, crooked deeds creep onward! In the **steampunk world of *Donald Quest*** #4, perfidious Pegleg Pete has swiped Donald's mighty magic hammer—and is using it to **teach Beastbusting courses** at Villainburgh Academy! But... odd thing about Villainburgh: its laws, designed to make the township a safe haven for thieves, may let Donald rob the robber and get away with it. Hey... even our good guys are turning bad!



And that brings us to ***Duck Avenger*** **#3**... and an extreme case of bad-guy-on-bad-guy ballistics! Crooked newsman Angus Fangus is defaming Donald's secret identity as usual—using CGI to fake a tell-all Duck Avenger exposé. But the ruthless aliens of planet Evron are up to tricks too... capturing Fangus with intent to destroy! Can Donald save a bad guy from even worse guys? Can Duck Avenger not get stuck with all the **super** bad luck? Will anyone get home from outer space in time for dinner? Writers **Francesco Artibani** ("Scrooge's Last Adventure") and **Jonathan H. Gray** tell the tale—don't miss it...

...and **don't *worry.*** February may be a fiendish, villainous month; but we'll show you crime doesn't pay. *Especially* when it can't keep a month-old New Year's resolution. Wak!

—David Gerstein,
Archival Editor

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Darkenblot (Part 2 of 3)
from Italian *Topolino* 2941, 2012 (First USA Publication)

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COLORIST Disney Italia with Nicole and Travis Seitler
LETTERER Nicole and Travis Seitler
TRANSLATION AND DIALOGUE Jonathan H. Gray

STORY 3
Mortgage Misery
from Norwegian *Donald Duck & Co.* 32/2015
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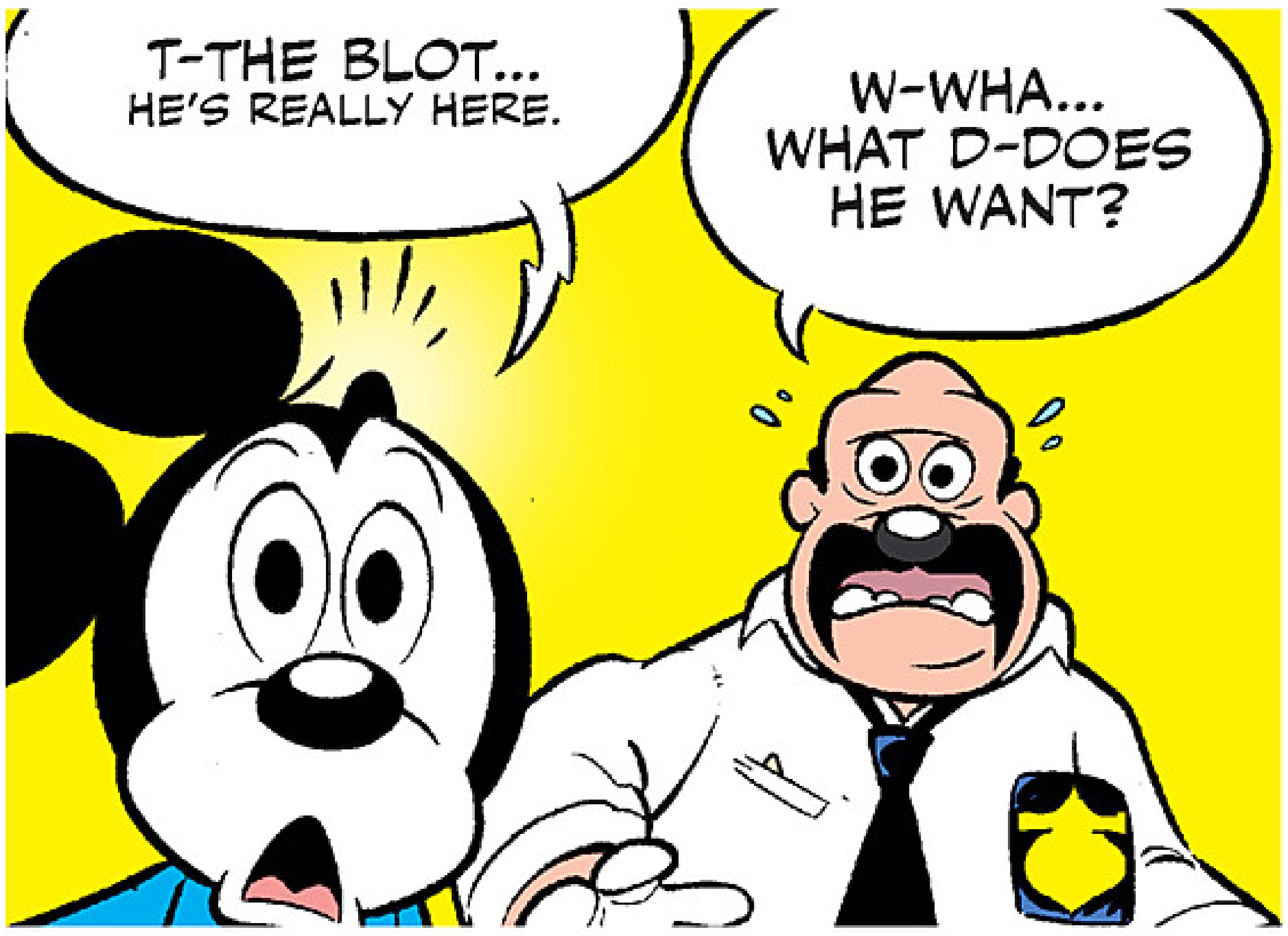
T-THE BLOT... HE'S REALLY HERE.
W-WHA... WHAT D-DOES HE WANT?

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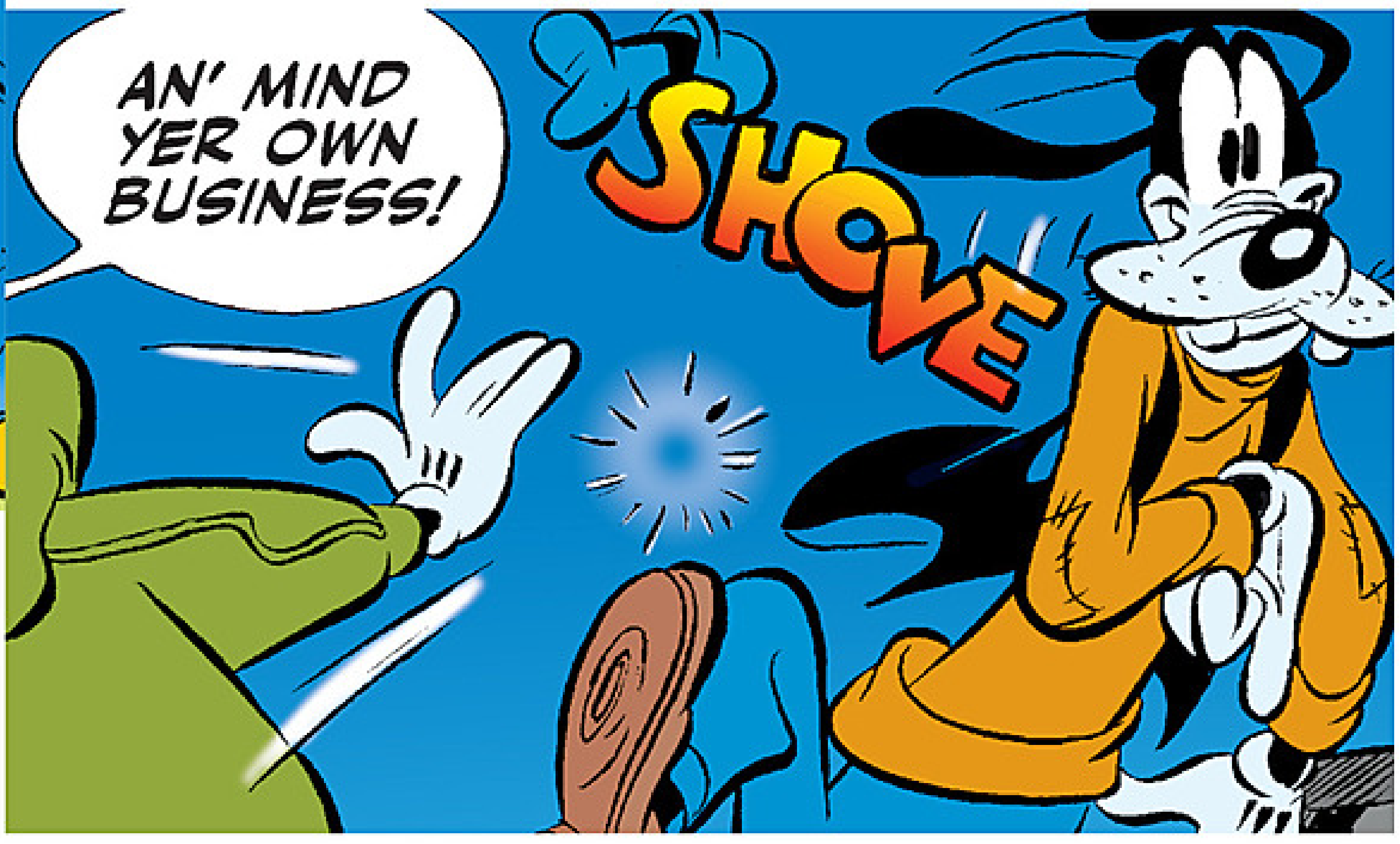
AN' MIND YER OWN BUSINESS!
SHOVE

STORY 2
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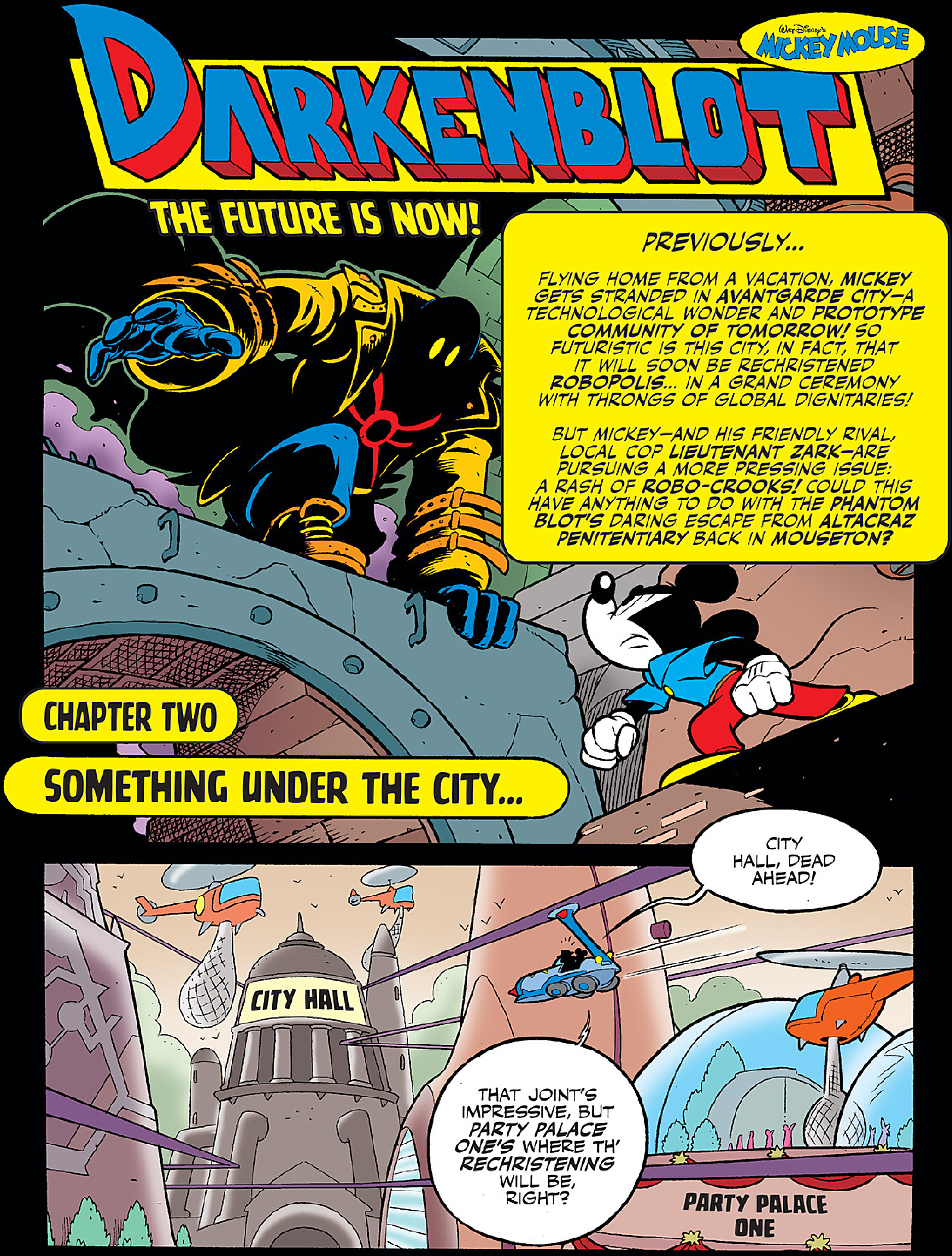
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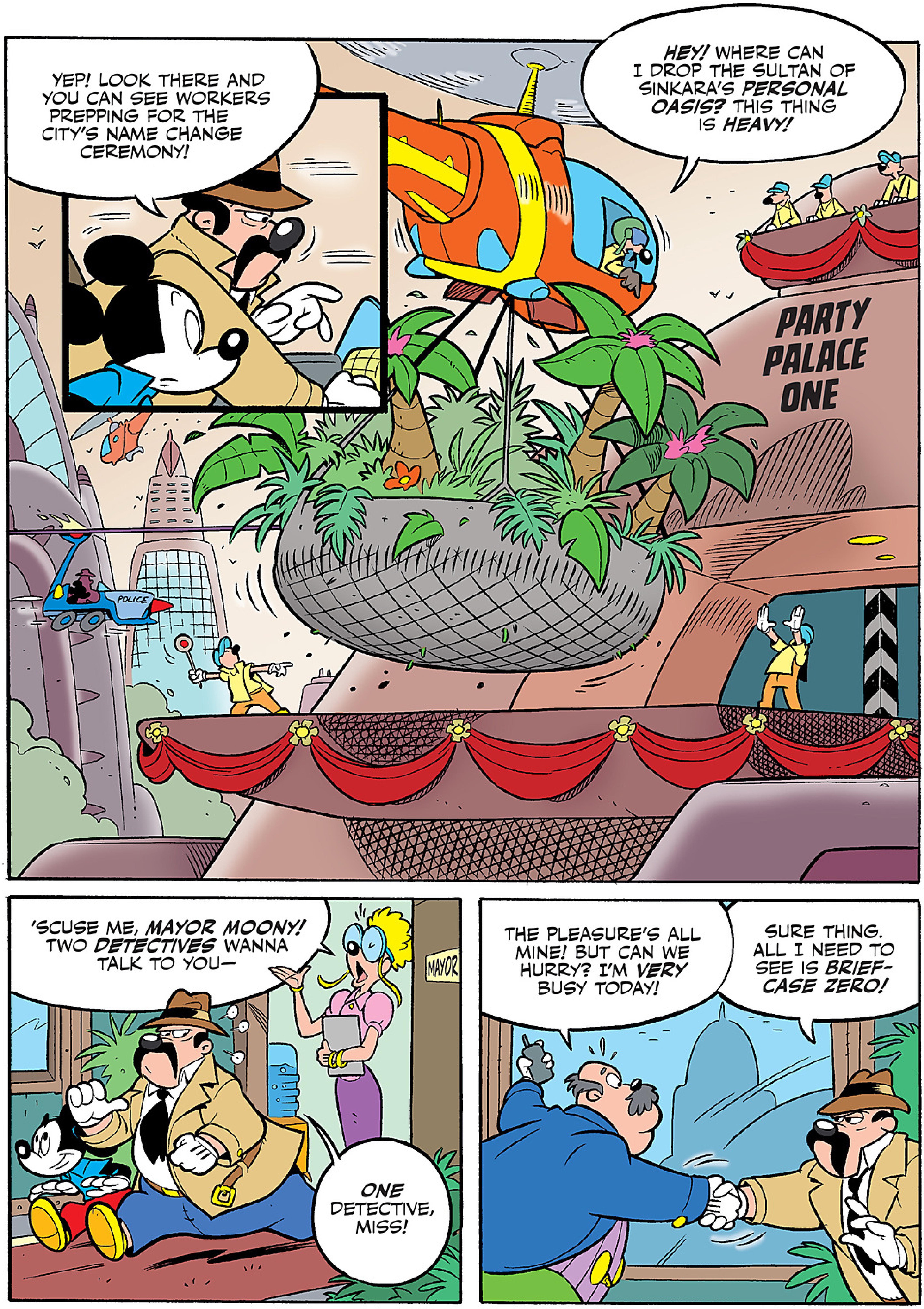
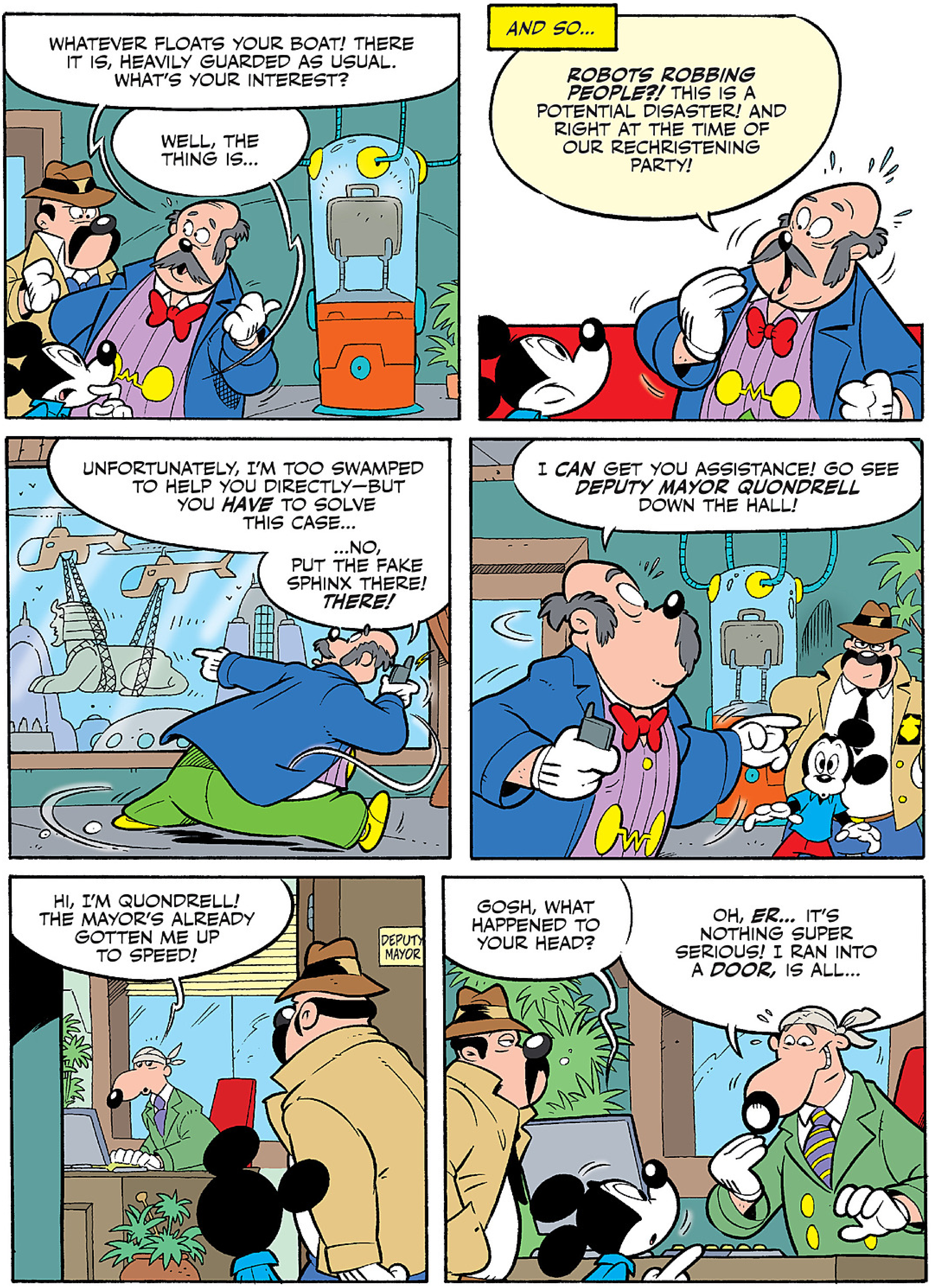
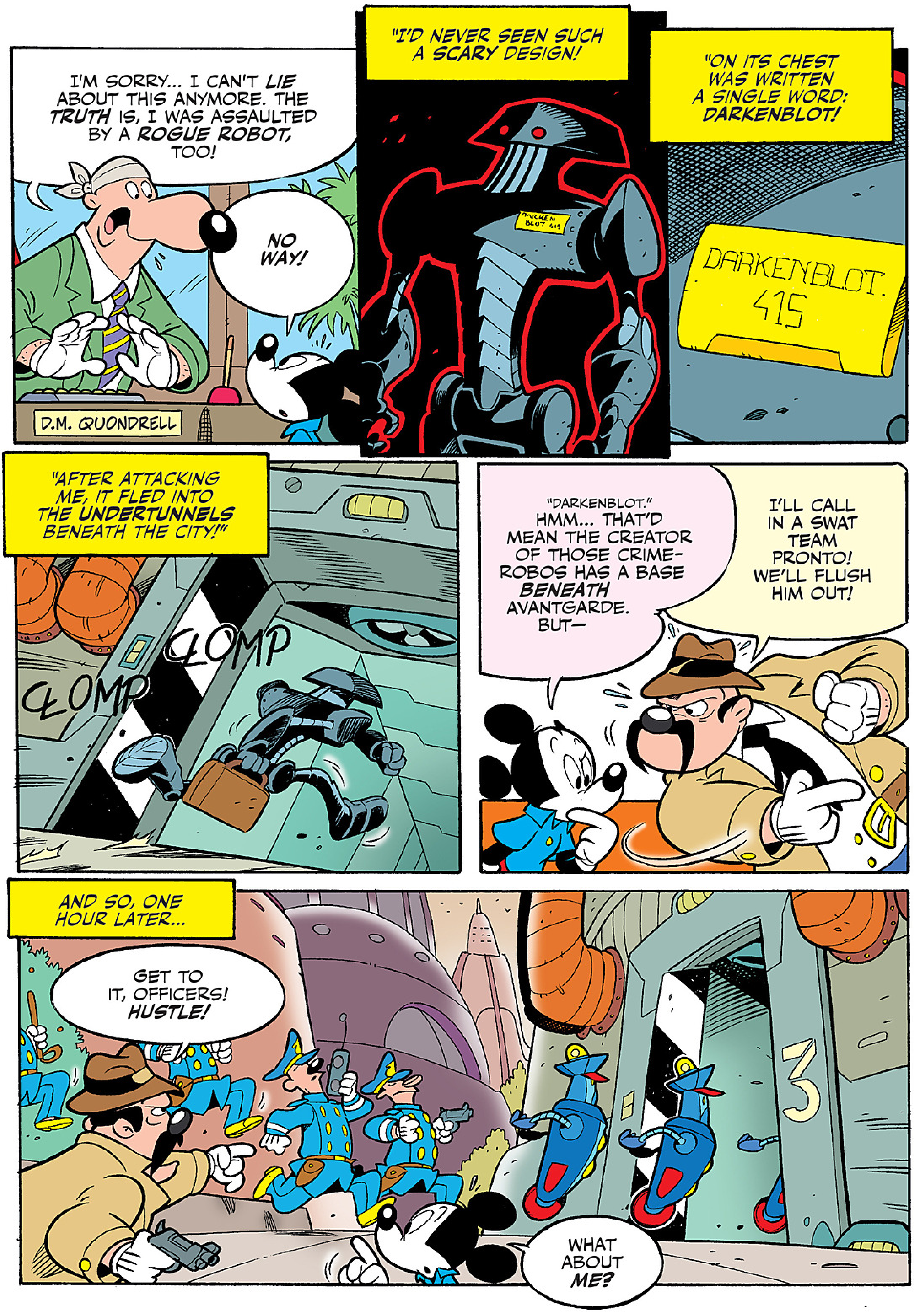
THE FUTURE IS NOW!
PREVIOUSLY...
FLYING HOME FROM A VACATION, MICKEY GETS STRANDED IN AVANTGARDE CITY—A TECHNOLOGICAL WONDER AND PROTOTYPE COMMUNITY OF TOMORROW! SO FUTURISTIC IS THIS CITY, IN FACT, THAT IT WILL SOON BE RECHRISTENED ROBOPOLIS... IN A GRAND CEREMONY WITH THRONGS OF GLOBAL DIGNITARIES!
BUT MICKEY—AND HIS FRIENDLY RIVAL, LOCAL COP LIEUTENANT ZARK—ARE PURSUING A MORE PRESSING ISSUE: A RASH OF ROBO-CROOKS! COULD THIS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE PHANTOM BLOT'S DARING ESCAPE FROM ALTACRAZ PENITENTIARY BACK IN MOUSETON?
CHAPTER TWO
SOMETHING UNDER THE CITY...
CITY HALL, DEAD AHEAD!
CITY HALL
THAT JOINT'S IMPRESSIVE, BUT PARTY PALACE ONE'S WHERE TH' RECHRISTENING WILL BE, RIGHT?
PARTY PALACE ONE


YEP! LOOK THERE AND YOU CAN SEE WORKERS PREPPING FOR THE CITY'S NAME CHANGE CEREMONY!
HEY! WHERE CAN I DROP THE SULTAN OF SINKARA'S *PERSONAL OASIS?* THIS THING IS *HEAVY!*
PARTY PALACE ONE
POLICE
'SCUSE ME, *MAYOR MOONY!* TWO *DETECTIVES* WANNA TALK TO YOU—
MAYOR
ONE DETECTIVE, MISS!
THE PLEASURE'S ALL MINE! BUT CAN WE HURRY? I'M *VERY* BUSY TODAY!
SURE THING. ALL I NEED TO SEE IS *BRIEFCASE ZERO!*


WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT! THERE IT IS, HEAVILY GUARDED AS USUAL. WHAT'S YOUR INTEREST?
WELL, THE THING IS...
AND SO...
ROBOTS ROBBING PEOPLE?! THIS IS A POTENTIAL DISASTER! AND RIGHT AT THE TIME OF OUR RECHRISTENING PARTY!
UNFORTUNATELY, I'M TOO SWAMPED TO HELP YOU DIRECTLY—BUT YOU *HAVE* TO SOLVE THIS CASE...
...NO, PUT THE FAKE SPHINX THERE! *THERE!*
I *CAN* GET YOU ASSISTANCE! GO SEE *DEPUTY MAYOR QUONDRELL* DOWN THE HALL!
HI, I'M QUONDRELL! THE MAYOR'S ALREADY GOTTEN ME UP TO SPEED!
DEPUTY MAYOR
GOSH, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HEAD?
OH, *ER...* IT'S NOTHING SUPER SERIOUS! I RAN INTO A *DOOR,* IS ALL...


I'M SORRY... I CAN'T *LIE* ABOUT THIS ANYMORE. THE *TRUTH* IS, I WAS ASSAULTED BY A *ROGUE ROBOT,* TOO!
NO WAY!
D.M. QUONDRELL
"I'D NEVER SEEN SUCH A *SCARY* DESIGN!
"ON ITS CHEST WAS WRITTEN A SINGLE WORD: *DARKENBLOT!*
DARKENBLOT. 415
"AFTER ATTACKING ME, IT FLED INTO THE *UNDERTUNNELS* BENEATH THE CITY!"
CLOMP
CLOMP
"DARKENBLOT." HMM... THAT'D MEAN THE CREATOR OF THOSE CRIME-ROBOS HAS A BASE *BENEATH* AVANTGARDE. BUT—
I'LL CALL IN A SWAT TEAM PRONTO! WE'LL FLUSH HIM OUT!
AND SO, ONE HOUR LATER...
GET TO IT, OFFICERS! *HUSTLE!*
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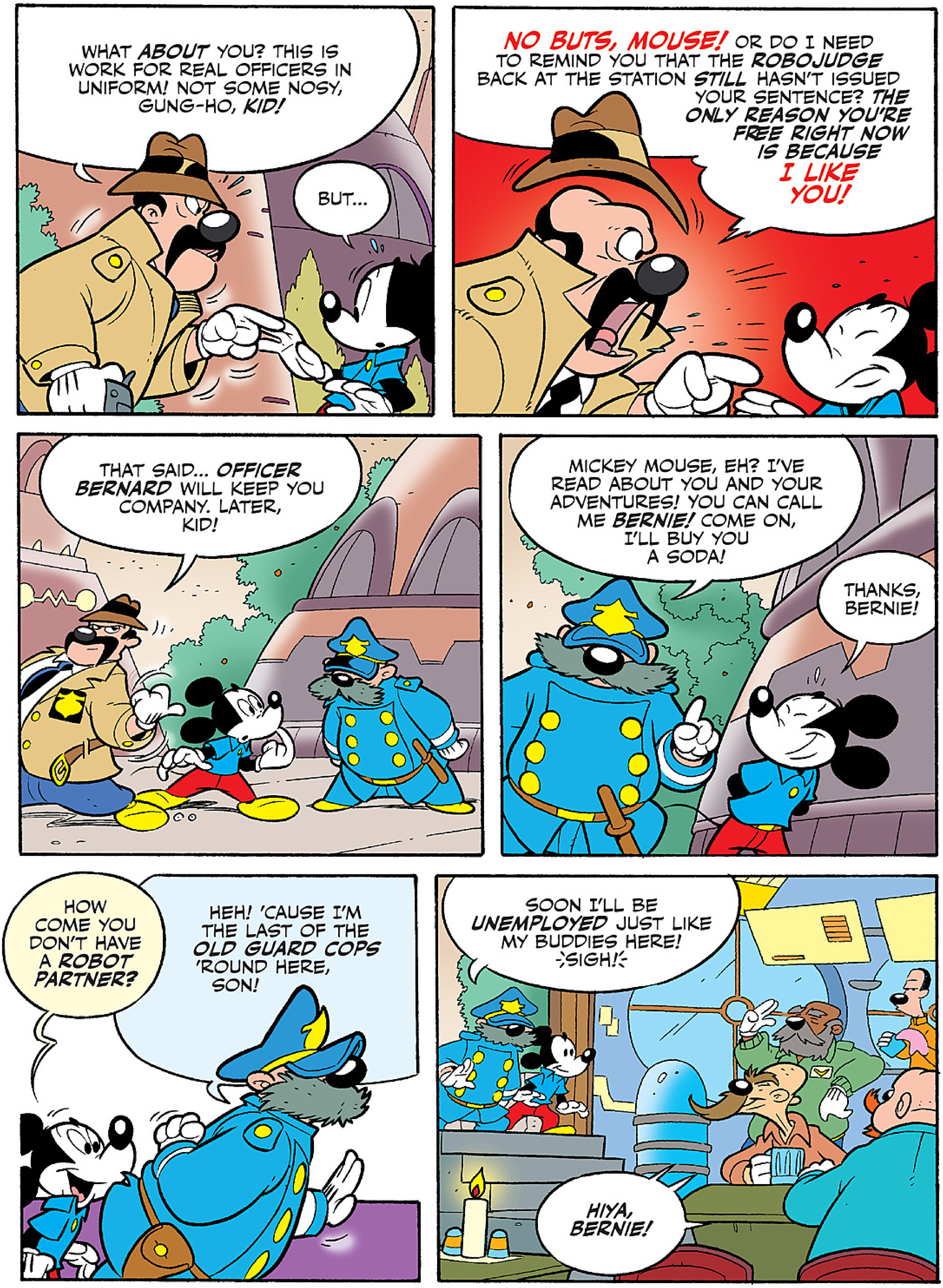
WHAT ABOUT *ME?*


WHAT *ABOUT* YOU? THIS IS WORK FOR REAL OFFICERS IN UNIFORM! NOT SOME NOSY, GUNG-HO, *KID!*
BUT...
NO BUTS, MOUSE! OR DO I NEED TO REMIND YOU THAT THE *ROBOJUDGE* BACK AT THE STATION *STILL* HASN'T ISSUED YOUR SENTENCE? *THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE FREE RIGHT NOW IS BECAUSE I LIKE YOU!*
THAT SAID... *OFFICER BERNARD* WILL KEEP YOU COMPANY. LATER, KID!
MICKEY MOUSE, EH? I'VE READ ABOUT YOU AND YOUR ADVENTURES! YOU CAN CALL ME *BERNIE!* COME ON, I'LL BUY YOU A SODA!
THANKS, BERNIE!
HOW COME YOU DON'T HAVE A *ROBOT PARTNER?*
HEH! 'CAUSE I'M THE LAST OF THE *OLD GUARD COPS* 'ROUND HERE, SON!
SOON I'LL BE *UNEMPLOYED* JUST LIKE MY BUDDIES HERE! -SIGH!-
HIYA, BERNIE!

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